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Minutes of the Trustees

Feb. 2, 1943 - Feb. 1, 1961





February Second 1943

Present Miss Merriman, Miss Austin, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Norton  
Mr. Mason and Mr. Jack.

Miss Merriman was chosen unanimously as chairman  
with Mr. Jack as secretary. *and all comm*

The minutes of the last meeting were not read - pressed for time.

Approved Bills dated

Jan. 2 -	Hunting Books -	\$ 1.40
Jan 29	Hunting Books -	7.18
Jan 26	Springfield News -	1.40
Jan.	Book of the Month	2.87
Jan 4	H. W. Wilson Co.	7.50
Jan 11	F. M. Dummell oil	20.56
Jan 22	F. M. Dummell oil	19.40
Jan 23	Demia Library Supplies	1.23
Jan 15	Lindell's Motor Repair	1.03
Jan. Fine	Mrs. Austin Phelps - 14 hrs.	5.60

Mr. Carl Mason - Janitor - was present and reported the quota of oil  
for the Library from Oct. 1941 <sup>Oct. 1941</sup> to Oct. 1942 <sup>Oct. 1942</sup> was 2,500 gal.  
for the Library from Oct. 1942 to Oct. 1943 was 15,400 gal. + 10%

There are one hundred gallons in the tank and 600 Gallons  
are still due.

Voted Beginning February 9 the hours for opening of the Library  
shall be 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. on Tuesday and Saturday.

Voted The working process of the Library be kept as near standard as  
possible.

Voted That Mr. Mason purchase five gallons of Wax.

Voted After Mr. Mason had examined and recommended the purchase, that  
we purchase from Mrs. Norton, her Waxing machine for 25.00.

Mr. W. F. Hoehn having presented a copy of his Northampton Courier of Sat. Aug. 29, 1846 also a copy of the Gazette and Courier of Greenfield Tuesday March 12, 1846, the Board of Trustees authorized Mr. S. E. Walker to extend their thanks and ordered the papers filed.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

February 10<sup>th</sup> 1943 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of the Secretary - 46 Highland Avenue  
Present - Miss Merriam, Miss Austin, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker  
and Mr. Jack.

voted

The Subscription for American Home be renewed for 3 years for 3 dollars  
The Subscription for Good Housekeeping be renewed for 2 years for 4 dollars

Mr. Mason reports that no more oil is available and that there is about 200 gallons in the tanks.

It should be noted here that some time ago the Selectmen said they would look after the oil quota for the Library & other town buildings.

Voted

The Library be kept open from 2<sup>30</sup> - 4 - Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
the thermostat be set at 55° this as an experiment.

This to take effect Saturday Feb. 13

voted

Miss Austin be authorized to arrange for the deposit of books in the schools.

voted

When we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.



March First 1943

The Trustees met at the home of the Secretary  
 Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Austin, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Norton  
 and Mr. Jack

Announcement The minutes of the meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup> were read and approved  
 Miss Merriam reported that since the last meeting the Local Ration Board said the Library could keep open one day a week (Tuesday) 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. and could have oil for this purpose.

It is understood that the Local Ration Board have final authority in this matter.

Approved Bills dated

Jan 30	14. R. Hunting Co.	Books	2.77
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	H. R. Hunting Co.	Credit - Books	1.40
<del>Feb 5<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>H. R. Hunting Co.</del>	<del>Books</del>	<del>1.40</del> Correction A.B.G.
Feb 12.	" "	Books	4.55
Feb 15	" "	Books	1.75
Feb. 16	" "	Books	2.04
Feb 19	" "	Books	1.75
Feb 3.	Springfield News Co.	Books	5.92
Feb 5	" "	Books	3.15
Feb 11	" "	Books	8.58
Feb 16	" "	Books	5.97
Jan 4.	Barrett and Baker	Books	2.18
Feb.	Book of the Month	Books	3.12
Feb	C.R. Finch		
	Renewal American Home 3 years		7.00
	Good Housekeeping 2 years		
Feb.	F.A. Irish	Oxal. .27 Tonels .75	1.02
Feb	Mrs. Norton	Petty Cash	5.00
Feb	Northfield Water Co.	Water	6.00

Feb. Max Huber Varnishing Shelves 3.00  
 Feb. Lewis & Bolton, repair of S. Screen 2.10  
 Feb. Mrs Phelps 17 Hours 6.80  
 Feb. Mrs. Norton's Floorola Waxing Machine 25.00  
 Feb Mrs. Norton - Cataloging 6.00

Mrs. Norton reported people feel present schedule is best.  
 we can do. On this one day they are very busy.

Robert Bonnerjack Sec.

April 5, 1943

The Trustees met at the home of the Secretary.  
 Present Miss Merriam, Miss Austin, Mrs. Norton, Mr. Montague  
 and Mr. Jack,

The minutes of the meeting of March 1 were read and approved  
 Bills dated

Offered

Feb. 27. H. R. Hunting Co Books 1.75-  
 Mar. 12 H. R. Hunting Co Books 9.02  
 Mar 22 H. R. Hunting Co Books 4.50  
 Mar 29 " " " " 2.45-  
 Mar 31 " " " " 20.99  
 Mar. 3 Springfield News Co. Books 1.75-  
 Mar 11 " " " " Books 4.46  
 Mar 16 " " " " Books 2.63  
 Mar 18 " " " " 6.51  
 Mar 23 " " " " 2.59  
 Mar 24 " " " " 13.65-  
 Apr. 1. " " " " 1.75-  
 Apr. 1 " " " " 3.28



April 1.	Springfield News Co. Books	1.75-
Apr 1.	" " " "	.70
April 1.	" " " "	1.96
March	Books of the Month	3.12
Mar. 27	International Library Assoc.	3.35-
Feb. 3	F. M. Dummell oil	16.98
Feb 18	" " " oil	19.40
Mar 9.	" " " oil	19.40
Mar. 22	Remington Rand	4.10
Jan. 2.	Charles B. Peck	2.25-
April 1	Mrs. Norton Cataloging	17.00
April 1	Mrs. Phelps	8.00

voted Mrs. Norton be authorized to place old catalogue where she thinks best, with the help of Mr. Mason.

Robert Bommer Jack Sec.

April 15. 1943

The Trustees met at the house of the Secretary.

Present Miss Merriman, Miss Austin, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack.

There was general discussion with reference to filling the position of Librarian, Mrs. Norton having intimated she would be leaving the village.

Robert Bommer Jack Sec.

May Eleventh 1943

The Trustees met at the home of Mrs. Parker at 3.30 P.m.  
 Present Mrs. Parker, Miss Merriman, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Montague & Mr. Jones.  
 The minutes of the meetings of April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>  
 were read and approved.

approved

the following bills were ordered paid

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	H. R. Unwin Co.	- 1.27
April 17	" " " "	- 8.78
April 26	" " " "	- 1.75
April 29	" " " "	- 2.04
April 30	" " " "	- 7.51
April 30	" " " "	- 2.90
April 26	" " " " Credit	- 1.88
April 9	The Springfield News Co	1.40
April 12	" " " "	1.75
May 1	" " " "	1.93
May 7	" " " "	2.45
	Book of the month April	2.87
	Book of the month May	2.62
April 16	Remington Rand Inc.	.75
	Miss Austin Phelps April 43. 16 hrs.	6.40
	Mrs Norton, Cataloging April 43 24 hrs.	12.00

voted

Miss Merriman was instructed to conclude arrangements  
 with Miss Jean Siebel to act as Librarian at \$37.<sup>50</sup> per month.

voted

Miss Siebel to start the middle of June and Mrs. Norton  
 to continue cataloging till July 1<sup>st</sup>, subject to finances.

voted

Mr. Walker he asked to consult Ration Board  
 about offering for the summer.

a letter was read from Miss Austin resigning from  
 the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

voted

Mr. Montague moved that the resignation be accepted with regret



and Mr. Montague was appointed to convey to Miss Austin the Board's appreciation of her years of faithful service and our sincere regret that the service must end.

Robert Bonner Jack, Sec.

June 2 - 1943

The Trustees met at the Library at 3.30 P. M.

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack.

The minutes of May Eleventh were read and approved.

Miss Merriam reported that Miss Jean Seibel was ready to begin work the middle of June, that Mrs. Norton wished to be released the middle of June and Mrs. Norton hopes to finish Cataloguing of the main stack.

Approved

The following Bills were ordered paid.

May 17 H. R. Hunting Co. - Credit 1.88

Mrs. Phelps 24 hours May - \$ 9.60

Mrs. Maryon Norton Cataloguing 20 hours. 10.00

voted

It was voted that Miss Seibel should work with Mrs. Norton for a week.

voted

The meetings of the Board be held at 3 P. M. the first Monday of each month.

voted

The hours of the Library continue as at present until further notice.

voted

That the chairman interview Mrs. Mayberry with reference to serving as a Trustee finishing out Miss Austin's term.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

July 9 1943

The Trustees met at the Library at 3 P.M.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jask.

The minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup> & June 2 were read and approved. Miss Merriman reported that she had seen Mr. Mayberry and she cannot take the trusteeship because her husband is off to be called.

Miss Merriman also reported that Miss Seibel began as Librarian June 15<sup>th</sup>.

approved The following bills were ordered paid.

Barrett and Baker Feb 20, Mar. 13 Mar. 29, Apr. 17. - 18.98

Book of the month - June - 3.12

Book of the month - July - 3.12

Mr. Dummell - May 4 - 19.40

Morgan Garage - Jan 22. .75-

Mrs. Norton cataloging 11 hours July 1. 5.50

Miss Jean V. Seibel July 1. 43 8 hours - 4.00

Thanks The Board extended thanks to Miss Susan Lawrence for the use of her typewriter.

Renewed The magazine "The American Girl" runs out in September and was renewed through Mr. Combs and Finch for 4 years at 4 dollars <sup>(see next minutes)</sup>

Card file The Chairman was instructed to investigate and report on a card file. Permission was granted for placing a settee on the lawn.

Trustee. Mr. Walker moved that the chairman call on Miss Brum + see if she would serve as trustee for the remainder of the year.

Old Books The Secretary explained at length his position with reference to the discarded books in the basement and offered the following plan of procedure "The Board ascertain the cost of erecting shelves for 1200 books and determine their location



in the second story of the Library, when this has been approved the construction of the shelves be ordered and at the same time the books be cleaned and moved to the second story - upon completion of the shelves the books be placed in an orderly fashion on the shelves and the cataloging of all the books of the second story library begin, this to continue, as finances permit, until the cataloging is completed. Hereafter when books of the first floor library are no longer serviceable, they are to be removed to the second story library and at the same time their catalogue reference is to be revised.

Noted

Mr. Walker moved and the motion was seconded and carried that we accept the motion to discard the books and that we follow the plan as indicated above and work it out as we are able.

The meeting adjourned

Robert Bomer Jack Sec.

August 2 1943

The Trustees met at the Library at 3 P.M.

Present Miss Morrison, Miss Brann, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack,

Miss Brann

The President welcomed Miss Mercy A. Brann as a Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Miss Julia Austin retired.

The minutes of the meeting of July 9<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Printing Co. 7.24.43, 2.25-

" " " " 7.24.43, 1.40

C. R. Finch - 7.16.43 - American Girl 3 years at 4.<sup>00</sup> (correcting last <sup>minutes</sup>)

Geo. N. Kidder - April 1.43 Wax - 1.96

Geo. N. Kidder - April 5.43 Wax - 3.50

Mrs. Austin Phelps & Mrs. in June - 3.20

Estimate on  
shelves

The Sec. was given permission to get estimate for shelves from Holton & Morton for second story library.

oil Mr. Walker - Mr. Montague were appointed a Committee on Fuel oil to report at next meeting.

extra work of Librarian

Miss Broom moved - Mr. Walker seconded and motion was carried that the Librarian be employed three days a week extra, for four hours each day for five weeks at 50 cents an hour.

The meeting adjourned.

Robert Bonner Jack, Sec.

Sept. 6, 1943.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 P.M.

Present Miss Merriam, Mr. Parker, Miss Broom, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack.

stones

It was moved and carried that stones of the Haskell Holton collection of no value and rejected by Prof. C. Wolfe Ph.D. of Boston University be placed in a carton & taken to the basement.

Prof. Wolfe

The thanks of the Trustees was extended to Prof. C. Wolfe Ph.D. for taking the items of the Haskell Holton collection.

Bills

The following bills were ordered paid.

Springfield News Co.	7.21.43	—	1.05
"	"	"	8.3.43 — 9.10
"	"	"	8.6.43 — 4.74
"	"	"	8.9.43 — 4.20
"	"	"	8.12.43 — 3.15
"	"	"	8.26.43 — 2.89

Book of the month Club. Aug. — 3.12

Barnett & Parker July 23 + Aug. 1 — 18.45

Library Expenses — 7.2.43 — 5.00

7.2.43 — 8.20.43 — .70

Northfield Water Co 8.1.43 — 6.00

General work Jan Field 7.2.43 — 3.00

fuel

Mr. Walker reported the Motion Board told him we would



have sufficient oil to keep the library open three days at the regular hour and if there was a general shortage we would have to take action as others.

Fire  
Extinguishers  
Furnace  
Palm Cards  
Cataloging

The filling of three fire extinguishers was placed in Mr. Walker's hands.

Mr. Montague was authorized to look after servicing of the furnace.

The Librarian was authorized to issue cards to keep up Nation list.

Mr. Walker was authorized to take up with Miss Morse of the Seminary

the matter of cataloging...

Stacks

Mr. Lee Bolton was engaged to build three stacks for the up-stairs library for \$65.00 if he ~~could~~ get the word. work to be done in Dec. and bill rendered before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Cleaning morning  
books

The secretary was authorized to look after the cleaning of books in the basement, their transportation to the second floor & their sorting in preparation for placement on shelves.

Mrs. Phelps

Mrs. Phelps was engaged for extra time she to stay what time she can give on Tuesday & Thursday.

The meeting adjourned  
Robert Brown, Sec.

Oct. 4, 1943

The Trustees met in the library at 3 P.M.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Montague and Mr. Jack

Bills

J. D. Wesley & Son 9.16.43 — 33.73

Northfield Seminary 9.7.43 — 7.70

Mrs. Austin Phelps 9.30.43 - 22½ hrs. 9.00

It was recommended that hereafter all books for addition be left in Greenfield.

The date of the next meeting was left in the hands of the President

Mr. Montague reported he would continue to seek the inspection of the oil furnace.

He also reported most of the second story books have been cleaned and are up-stairs

Mr. Mason has cleaned & moved the books.

Meeting adjourned

Robert Brown, Sec.

Nov. 4. 1943

The Trustees met in the upstairs South East Room of the Library  
 Present Miss Merriman, Miss Brown, Mrs. Parker  
 Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack

Minutes  
 Bills

The minutes of the meeting of Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1943 were read and approved  
 The following bills were approved and ordered paid

H.R. Printing Co. Oct. 8. 43 — 4.94

Springfield News Co Oct 11. 43 — 3.15

C.R. Finch, Hobbies 1 yr. — 4.75

Popular Mechanics 1 yr.

Mrs. Austin Phelps 26 hours at .40 — 10.40

Miss Ann Morrison — 72 Books — 28.00

James Library Supplies — 6.80

Books of the month Club — one book 3.12

The following subscriptions were authorized

Parents Magazine — three years — 3.75

American Magazine — three years — 6.00

Meeting

Mr. Walker agreed to look after refilling of the extinguishers.  
 Mr. Montague reported the oil burner inspection had been passed.  
 Mr. Walker reported cords for windows had been procured by  
 Lewis & Bates.

Windows

A storm window at the Librarian's desk was ordered installed  
 and Mr. Walker agreed to look after it.

Purchase

On motion Pearl motion was left in Miss Brown's care.  
 Since reported list new books included a one volume  
 Encyclopedia of Columbia University Press — 15.00  
 Also Marion Bates' Biographical Dictionary.

The date of the meeting was ordered for the 14<sup>th</sup> Monday of  
 the month at 3 P.M.



Mr. Carl Mason was paid \$10.00 for cleaning books and carrying them from the basement to second floor with the books of the Trustees.  
 It was moved second and carried that the Librarian spend three extra afternoons or evenings, a week in cataloging and general work to the end of the year.

The Secretary reported the second books brought from the basement to the second story had all been sorted and were ready to be placed on the shelves.

The meeting adjourned  
 at 8:30 P.M. Jack, Sec.

Dec 2 1943

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Brann

Present Miss Morrison, Miss Brann, Messrs. Parker, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack.

The minutes of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

Miss Morrison reported that Mr. Mason expressed his appreciation of the compensation given by the board for cleaning & transporting books.

Mr. Walker reported the fire extinguishers had been filled, also that the storm window had been ordered and would be installed in three weeks also that the immediate repair of sash cords was doubtful.

Miss Brann reported press rolls had been prepared but there was no room for them.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

H. A. Hunting Co.	Oct. 20 1943	— 4.29
" "	Oct 21 "	— 1.50
" "	Oct 21 "	— 1.75
" "	Oct 30 "	— 6.83
" "	Nov 9 "	— 17.85
" "	Nov. 15 "	— 1.93

H. R. Mounting Co.	Nov. 20	1943	3.33
Springfield News Co.	Nov. 9	"	78.25
" " "	Nov. 10	"	7.88
" " "	Nov. 15	"	8.75
" " "	Nov. 18	"	1.40
" " "	Nov. 22	"	3.50
" " "	Dec. 1	1943	3.50

Springfield News Co. Nov. 4, 1943 credit 1.93 book returned.

Book of the month - Nov. 3.12

F. C. Merriam Co. Nov. 12, 43 - 5.98

C. R. Finch - 2.75

Ingion Dummell - Nov. 2, 43 19.40

Mrs. Austin Phelps 24 hrs @ .40 9.60

Miss Jean Gabel 3 hrs @ .50 4.50

It was moved and carried that the Board hold a official meeting Tuesday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 P.M. at the home of Miss Braun.

The Secretary is to prepare the report to the Annual meeting with the assistance of Miss Merriam.

Miss Merriam was authorized to take up with the Librarian the matter of full time and the price to be paid.

The meeting adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.



Dec 21 1943

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Beann.

Present Miss Merriman, Miss Beann, Mr. Montague, Mr. Walker and Mr. Jack.

The minutes of Dec 2 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

H. R. Hunting Co.	Dec 11, 1943	— 5.78
Springfield News Co.	" 12 "	— 6.30
Book of the Month	Dec -	2.50
Barrett + Parker	Balance Dec 1	13.80
F. M. Dummell - oil	Dec 1.	19.40
F. M. Dummell - oil	Dec 15	19.40
Seneca Library Supplies	Dec. 14	5.00
Charles L. Johnson	June 8. Dunning House	11.00
Henry W. Hammond	Dec. 14. 43	2.75
Lewis + Bolen	Dec 8. 43 Book Cases	65.00
	Slown cash 14.00	— 79.00

The Secretary read the Annual report to the Town meeting.

The Legion having asked to look over the second story of the Library Building with a view to possible quarters their attention was directed to the following from the deed of gift of the property to the town "And it is my wish that said land and building shall be used forever for a free public library, reading and antiquarian rooms and for educational and scientific uses - but for no other purpose."

It was moved and carried that we ask for \$1,200 for the salary of the Librarian for full time work.

The meeting adjourned to meet Monday Jan 3 at 3 P.M. at the home of Miss Beann.  
Robert Monroe Jack Sec.

Legion  
substant

Librarian  
salary

Jan 8 1944 3 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum.

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs Parker, Miss Braum, Mrs Walker & Mr. Jack.  
The minutes of Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid as in last meeting.

7. M. Dummell Dec. 25:	18.33
Springfield News Co. Dec. 1	1.43
" " Dec 3	1.40
" " Dec 7	1.70
" " Dec 16	1.93

Max Huber staining & varnishing shelves Dec 31, 18.<sup>00</sup>

Last year the Trustees spent \$1,797.05 with a Balance of 270.14  
under normal condition 193.60 more would have been spent  
leaving a Balance of 76.<sup>54</sup>

The Budget was discussed item by item and I was  
decided to ask for 2,500.00 for 1944.

In case this amount be granted it was moved that the  
Library be open every <sup>weekday</sup> afternoon 2 to 6 except Monday. <sup>Thurs. thru Sat. meeting.</sup>  
the rest of the minimum of 40 hours a week to be  
devoted to Cataloging & other Library work.

It was moved that the February meeting be held  
Thursday Feb 10 at 3 P.M. at Miss Braum's.

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Schedule



February 8<sup>th</sup> 1944 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field & Mr. Jack.

The officers for the new year were chosen and are as follows—

Chairman Miss Merriman Sec. Robert Bonner Jack. It was decided that the Committee of last year should continue.

The minutes of Jan. 3 were read and approved.

Budget

The Budget adopted at the last meeting is as follows—

Books —	\$300
Magazines —	25-
Re-binding —	50
Electricity	55-
Fuel-oil	250
Librarian's supplies	25-
Janitor's supplies	25-
Water	12
Maintenance & Improvements	100.
Salaries	
1 Miss Field 1200	
2 Mr. Mason 350	
3 Mrs. Phelps 75	1500.20
4 Substitute for Librarian's salary 20.80	
5 Librarian sick leave 5 days substitute 19.40	
	<hr/> 2498.20

It was ordered that the following on Public Libraries from the General Laws of Mass. 1924 Vol I Chap 75 - Sec 11 be copied in the minutes.

"The Board shall have custody and management of the library and reading room and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support

and shall be  
used for the  
library

and maintenance shall be expended by the Board, and all money or property which the town may receive by gift or bequest for said library and reading room shall be administered by the board in accordance with the provisions of such gift or bequest.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

J. M. Dummell	Fuel oil	Jan. 7. 1944	— 19.40
J. M. Dummell	" "	Jan 19. 1944	— 19.40
J. M. Dummell	" "	Feb 4. 1944	— 23.83
Max W. Huber	Staining clothes	Jan. 31. 1944	— 18.00
Mrs. Phelps	Jan. 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hr @ 10	—	6.20
Northfield Water Company		Feb 1. 1944	- 6.00

Max Huber's bill authorized at the last meeting came too late for payment hence was authorized again.

It was moved and carried that the library go on full time schedule Mar. 1. The Librarian to receive a salary of \$1,200 a year the janitor \$300 a year and Mrs. Phelps \$50.00 a year, however the library is to be opened on present schedule until weather conditions permit the full time schedule.

The Pres. notices of this matter she given by Miss Barron. moved and carried that Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker and Miss Barron be a committee to work with the Librarian in the use of her time and that the Librarian give a report each month and in the report give an account of books catalogued.

The Secretary having given the library a new flag he was authorized to take possession of the old flag.

It was moved and carried that the monthly meeting be held on the first Monday of the month at 3 o'clock. The janitor was authorized to purchase a new book rack.

The meeting adjourned.

Robert Bonner Jack, Sec.

Full time  
Library

Education  
Committee

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Time of meeting



March 6<sup>th</sup> 1944 3 P.M.

The Ladies met at the home of Miss Braun.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field & Mr. Jack.

The minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

Barrett and Baker - Feb 14 — 1.89

F. M. Dummell oil - Feb 17 — 19.40

Mrs. Austin Phelps Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> @ .80 — 5.60

Mr. Field was authorized to see that Library windows were repaired.

There are three cartons of Books in the basement of the Library building. These books having been dropped by the public in a cartons at the door of the Library for the use of the soldiers, were carried to Greenfield and there rejected as not suitable.

Upon their rejection they were brought back to the Dickinson Memorial Library and placed in the basement.

It was moved seconded and carried that the Secretary be authorized to select from these books those worth keeping and place them in the upstairs Library.

The meeting adjourned.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1944 3 P.M.

The Ladies met at the home of the Chairman Miss Merriman.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field & Mr. Jack.

The minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

Mr. Field reported the repair of Library windows had been finished by Harris & Pollard.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

Springfield News Company 3.20.44 — 2.10

Soldier  
Books  
Rejected

Book of the Month Club, Inc. Jan. 3.00  
 .. .. .. Mar 3.12

F. M. Dummell oil Mar. 2.44 9.70

F. M. Dummell oil Mar. 6.44 9.70

Mrs. Florence Phelps 18 hrs. @ 40 Mar. 31.44 - 7.20

Miss Braun was commended for her recent article in the Price and further Library notes were recommended.

The Secretary reported all books in the North Room second floor were now in place. There are 1944 books in this room and approximately 600 books in the S. E. room second floor.

The Librarian's report was read and ordered filed

Adjourned

Robert Bomer Jack Sec.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1944 3 P. M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braun.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field & Mr. Jack.

The minutes of April 3<sup>rd</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid

H. R. Hunting Co. Feb. 19 - 15.60

H. R. Hunting Co. Feb 25 - 17.15

F. M. Dummell Mar 17 - 9.70

F. M. Dummell Mar 24 - 9.70

F. M. Dummell Apr. 6 - 19.40

Leavis & Bolton Apr. 1. 5.54

Florence Phelps. 12 hrs @ 40 Apr. 29 - 4.80

At the request of Mr. Mason his salary will be kept at 300.<sup>00</sup> <sup>per year</sup> and we pay for extra help for the more difficult work, as needed.

Mr. Mason's  
 salary



Miss Braum & Mr. Mason were appointed a committee to see that the Library grounds are put in condition.

The Secretary reported on preliminary work <sup>among</sup> ~~in~~ the books in the Basement. The Librarian's report was read.

Miss Merriman read a letter from the Haven H. Spencer Post No 179 concerning the Service Flag of 1918. Letter was filed.

It was moved seconded and carried that we subscribe for the Northfield Press and the Librarian be instructed to keep the papers as historical records.

Miss Merriman was authorized to buy a step ladder for the North Room second story Library.

A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Braum for the hospitality of her home and now that the warm weather is at hand it was moved that the June July Aug and Sept meetings be held at the Library.

adjourned

Robert Palmer Jack Sec.

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1944 3 P. M.

The Ladies met at the ~~Home of~~ Library.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field & Mr. Jack.

The Ladies visited the Basement S.W. room where books & periodicals had been set in order.

The minutes of the meeting of May 1<sup>st</sup> were read and approved.

On motion it was decided that the following periodicals - Time, Harper Atlantic & Ubbis & Northfield Press be saved and after six months put away, care to be taken to keep the files complete.

It was moved and carried that we subscribe for the Records. 30¢ for the Sept - as an historical record.

Mr. Field was asked to look after the locking of a South window first floor.

Press

Thanks

Periodicals  
Left

Records 30¢

window

Miss Broomwood and Mrs. Parker assented & motion was carried that Miss Phelps remain to go on in charge here for the four school days each of the remaining two weeks.

The Board. Extended thanks to Miss Broom for giving of her part. The Librarian's report was read.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hunting Co.	May 12, 1944	— 16.10
" "	May 18, "	— 10.68
" "	May 25, "	— 3.57
Springfield News Co.	May 1, 1944	— 2.80
" " "	May 9 "	2.80
" " "	May 10 "	9.28
" " "	May 15 "	22.07
Book of the Month	May	— 3.12
Barrett & Baker	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.70
E. M. Dummell	Apr. 29	19.40
Leavin & Bolton	May 1	2.55
Mrs. Florence Phelps	16 hrs @ .40 - May	6.40

Miss Broomwood was authorized to get beds for Book case to fit the North wall of the reading room above.

adjourned

What Broomer Jack - we.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1944 3 P. M.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Miss Broomwood, Mrs. Parker, Miss Broom, Mr. Field and Mr. Jack.

The Minutes of June 5<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hunting Co.	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1944	— 1.75
" " "	May 25 -	— 3.50



Springfield News Co. May 18. — 4.81  
 " " " June 2 — 1.40  
 " " " June 6. — 1.40  
 " " " June 13 — 1.40  
 June Book of the Month 3.12  
 Book of the Month 2.57  
 Barrett and Baker 8.63  
 Yale University Press May 9. 1944 — 15.62  
 C. R. Finch June 8. 1944 — 6.00  
 Mrs. Austin Phelps - 20 hrs @ .40 — 8.00  
 Deane's Library Supplies June 19. 1944 — 5.10

It was moved and seconded & carried (correcting action of last month) that monthly magazines be kept on the shelves for a year and weeklies from three to six months as needed and daily papers a week; also that the Reader's Digest and the Post be added to the list.

The Librarian's Report was read.

Three thousand Book plates and 500 postal cards were ordered. It was moved and carried that we sell material available for waste paper.

adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Secretary.

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1944 3 P. M.

The Trustees met in the Auditorium of the Library.

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Brown, Mr. Field & Mr. Jack.

Miss Merriam read a letter from Mr. S. E. Walker who since he now lives in Providence R. I. resigns from the Board. The Secretary was authorized to write expressing our appreciation of his years of service and our regret that he found it necessary to resign.

Prof. H. H. Morse was chosen to fill the term of Mr. Walker until

Resignation  
 Mr. Walker  
 made.

the town meeting.

Miss Merriam reported a bid from Brattleboro for a book case  
Miss Merriam read a bid from E. L. Holbrook Co. for painting  
3,000 book plates - 10.50 and 500 Paint 10.00

The bid was accepted.

The secretary reported selling discarded booklets to Julius Blasingame  
+ presented a check for 2.64 for 660 pounds. The secretary  
was instructed to cash the check and bring the cash to the next meeting.  
It was moved and seconded <sup>carried</sup> that we secure bids

to make the S. E. room a storeroom.

It was moved, seconded & carried that Mr. Field ask Mr. Boutain  
to serve as janitor until Mr. Mason (his wife) returns and  
that Mr. Mason pay continue till August 1st and Mr. Boutain  
to begin at once, Mr. Field to arrange his pay.

It was moved, seconded & carried that Mr. Field be alternate.  
The trustees voted to furnish basement storeroom.

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1944 10 a.m.

The trustees met at the Library

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Baran  
Mr. Field, Prof. Moore and R.B. Jack

It was moved seconded & carried that the bid of Lewis &  
Barton for Book Case at \$115.00 - not yet stated be accepted.

moved & carried Mr. Field have the oil burner serviced

moved & carried Mrs. Parker & Mr. Field be a committee of two  
to see that the storeroom is painted.

Prof. H. H. Moore was welcomed as a member of the Board

Adjourned - Robert Bonner Jack Sec.



August Seventh 1944

The Trustees met at the Library

Present Miss Merriam, Miss Brann, Mr. Field, Prof. Moore &amp; R.B. Jack

The minutes of July 2, July 18 and July 25 were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

Barber T.S.A.	Aug. 3. 44	—	.50
Hampfield News	May 25. 44	—	7.03
" "	July 13 44	—	1.93
" "	July 25 44	—	1.40
H. R. Humthing Co.	July 26. 44	—	22.76
Northfield Water Co.	Aug 1. 44	—	6.00
Mrs. Austin Phelps	26 hours @ .40	—	10.40

The Secretary read a letter of ~~appreciation~~ from Dennis A. Dorley the State Librarian expressing his appreciation for our sending to him copies of Acts & Resolves & Reports of the Board of Education.

Mr. Field & Mr. Button were authorized to solve the wax problem.

Mr. Field reported Mr. Hammond would service the oil burner when he could get around it.

Miss Brann moved Dr. Jack - he employed to have Lewis & Bolton do the most necessary things to obtain the storage room at the D. E. corner of the Basement.

Moved and carried that Lewis & Bolton be asked to open ~~the~~ cases - when contents are removed - to take them up stairs & put them in position & when contents are in place to close the cases.

Moved the janitor be paid 29 dollars a month

The Board visited the Auditorium to determine location of cases and pictures.

Approved

Robert Bonner Jack  
Sec.

Sept. 4. 1944

The Trustees met at the Library this morning Mrs. Carter and Miss Brown, Mr. Field and R.B. Jack present. The minutes of Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> were read and approved Mrs. Leach having presented a picture by Norman Rockwell of a boy and grandfather at prayer. - The trustees instructed the Secretary to write accepting the picture with thanks also it was ordered that the picture be hung in the children's room.

Picture from Mrs. Leach

Book in memory of Carl Ann Abbott.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Abbott of Northfield presented to the Library a book "Look and Learn" in memory of their daughter Carl Ann - on her fifth birthday - Carl having died June 16<sup>th</sup> 1944

The Secretary was authorized to accept the gift with thanks. The minutes of August Seventh were read and approved. The location of pictures to be hung was discussed and the arrangement accepted - note & books to be secured by Miss Morrison.

Picture

The following bills were ordered paid.

W. D. Miller Aug. 31. — 2.88

Henry W. Hammond, oil burner service Aug 28.44 — 5.50

E. L. Wilderth & Co. Aug. 4.44 — 20.00

H. R. Huntington Co. Aug 4.44 — 5.38 from Dickinson Fund.

oil It was moved that Mr. Field look after the oil supply.

A bill was written for Mrs. Austin Phelps for Aug - 26 hours at 50 cents - and adjusting July payment 10 cents for 26 hours - 15.60

Mrs. Phelps

The following list of Library Funds was ordered recorded in the minutes.

Library Funds 1944

Jan Thompson-Belcher Fund - Crocker Savings Bank - 145.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>85</sub>

Belcher Library Fund " " " 991.<sup>85</sup>/<sub>85</sub>

" " " Greenfield Savings Bank 5,481.00

" " " " 261.25

" " " Franklin Savings Inst 2,077.65

Library Funds



Belden Library Fund - Franklin Savings Inst. 310.33

" " " " " 166.93

" " " War Savings Bond 300.00

\$ 9,739.01

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund - Charles Savings Bank - 3,000.00

Mr. Button  
began as janitor

It is here recorded that Mr. Button began work as janitor on July 20, 1944

Mr. Field was authorized to look after the grass.

Mr. Field was authorized to look after cleaning of auditorium.

Mr. Field was authorized to purchase a coconut mat for infant door.

The Secretary was authorized to have Lewis & Bollen repair masonry windows - in wash room (off east wing) in North Room East side near South corner - also to remove L & B of catch step in South Vestibule also to have knob on stairway door repaired and to get a glass for wall paper picture.

Miss Merriam was authorized to secure a bid from Mr. Huber to redecorate hallway.

The Secretary reported the North Room for Magnesian paper in D.E. of Basement was about completed.

adjourned.

Robert Warner Jack -  
Sec.

October Second 1944

The Trustees met at the library. Miss Merriam, Mr. Pakes, Miss Bann, Mr. Field, Prof. Moore & R.B. Jack present.

It was moved seconded & carried that the time of the monthly meeting be 3.30 P.M. on the first Monday of the month.

Time of meeting.

The minutes of September Fourth were read and approved.

Mr. Field reported that he had cut the grass on the North + East side of the Library and Mr. Frank Anderson would haul debris away.

Grass cut

Mr. Field was given a vote of thanks for his work.

Cocoa mat

Cleaning Auditorium

Mr. Field reported he had not been able to find a cocoa floor mat but would continue looking. He also reported that he had talked with Mr. Britton about cleaning the Auditorium.

Oil quota

Mr. Field reported that a quota of 2500 gallons of oil had been allotted for the year by the local rationing Board and Dr. Hollen had said we should go ahead on our five day schedule and that he was quite sure more could be had if necessary.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hanning Co.	Aug. 16. 1944	— 2.45
" "	Aug 31 ..	— 10.86
Springfield News Co.	Sept 8. 44	— 1.40
" "	Sept 10. 44	— 1.75
C. R. Finch	Sept 23. 44	— 18.55
Northfield School for girls	Sept 18. 44	— 7.20
W. D. Miller	Sept 30. 44	— 2.42
Clark Hardware Co	Sept 21. 44	— 1.75
Max Huber Hanning Book Co.	Sept 20. 44	— 20.00
Leavis + Bolton.	Sept 29. 44	— 158.72

Expected vacancy

Since Miss Gabel is about to be married, in view of the expected vacancy the Sec. was authorized to write Pratt, Albany Junior School + Simmons also Miss E. Louise Jones, Dept of Education Library Dept. State House Boston Mass for suggestions. Miss Merriam would write Miss Underhill, and Mr. Baker see Miss Ashley.

Decorating Hall

+ D. Room

Prof. Moore moved + motion was carried that we spend \$100.00 decorating Hall + D. Room. The ladies were appointed a sub-committee to decide on color of the wall.

Out gowned - Robert Brown Jack Lee.



October 23 1944 7.30 P. m.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum.

Present Miss Merriman, Miss Braum, Mr. Field & R. B. Jack

The correspondence concerning a new Librarian was read and discussed. It was decided to seek further information.

adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Nov. 3. 1944 8.30 P. m.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field

Prof Morse & R. B. Jack

The following bills were ordered paid -

Barrett and Baker	Sept 18	7.60
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Springfield News Co.	Oct 2	1.40
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" "	Oct 4	1.40
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" "	" 6	2.80
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" "	" 16	1.40
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" "	" 24	1.75
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" "	" 26	1.40
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" "	Nov. 1.	4.20
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H. B. Hunting Co.	Oct. 9.	6.06
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J. D. Welch & Son Binders	Oct 23	36.91
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It was moved and carried that the Sec. write Mrs. Ruth H. Parker to come for an interview Wed 8 - The Board to pay half her carfare and entertainment over night.

meeting adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Nov 8. 1944 2-30 P.M.

The trustees met at the home of Miss Braum

Present Miss Mercurian, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field  
Prof. Morse & R.B. Jack.

Miss Ruth H. Parker appeared before the Board.

After the interview it was moved & carried that we continue our search for a Librarian.

The Sec. was authorized to write Miss L.M. Zwick for further information, also to Simmons for information about Miss Zwick.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Phelps be asked to carry on the work when Miss Seibel goes until we secure a Librarian - at the rate of \$50 dollars a month - & to continue for a week or two after the Librarian comes.

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Nov. 20, 1944 3:30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum

Present Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R.B. Jack

After discussion the motion was made & carried that we write Miss L.M. Zwick to come to Northfield <sup>on Saturday, Nov. 25</sup> for an interview the Board to pay half of her traveling expenses.

Mr. Field agreed to meet Miss Zwick at Miller's Falls

The Board agreed to meet at Miss Braum's Saturday

Nov. 25 at 1:45 P.M.

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.



Nov. 24. 1944 1.45 P.m.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field,  
Prof. Morse and R.B. Jack

Miss Lucy M. Eveleth of Salem Mass was present  
and after an interview she retired and the motion  
was made and seconded and carried unanimously

That we ask Miss Lucy Meara Eveleth to serve as full time  
Librarian of Dickinson Memorial Library at a salary of  
\$1,200 a year, two weeks vacation a year with pay and five days sick  
leave with pay.

Adjournd

Robert Braum Jack Sec.

Dec 4. 1944 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum.

Present - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R.B. Jack.

The minutes of Oct. 2, Oct. 23, Nov. 3, Nov 8, Nov. 20 and Nov. 25 were read and approved  
Mr. Field reported the Cocoa Fiber Rug had come.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	-	Nov. 9. 44	-	8.75
" "	-	14	-	4.13
" "	-	24	-	23.23
" "	-	25	-	9.46
" "	-	27	-	2.06
Barrett & Baker	-	Sept. 18	-	7.13
F. M. Dummell	-	Dec 2.	-	53.35
Saylord Bros.	-	Nov. 30.	-	2.86
Barker's G. G. A.	-	Nov. 1.	-	.70
W. D. Miller	-	Nov. 24.	-	.30
Frank W. Anderson	-	Nov. 20	-	9.50

Henry W. Hammond - Nov. 6. - 4.35

Max W. Huber - Dec. 4 111.00

next meeting

It was moved & carried that our next meeting be held Dec. 18. at 3.30 at Miss Brann's

It was moved & carried that Miss Mercurian engage Leavis & Bollon to repair picture of historical markers.

It was moved & carried that necessary Parts and Alcohol be purchased

adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Picture fixed

Dec 18 1944 3.30 P.M.

The Duesless met at the home of Miss Brann.

Present Miss Mercurian, Miss Brann, Mr Field & R.B. Jack  
Miss Mercurian reported the Barnett & Baker bill offered at the last meeting. for the sum of 2.13 had previously been paid.

Mr. Field reported the fish board had been made ~~at~~ table.

Miss Mercurian reported the exhibits had been released in the South Room upstairs

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Hunting Co. Dec 9. 44 — 1.05

Springfield News Co Dec 1. 44 — 1.40

" " " Dec 9. 44 — 1.40

Northfield Pharmacy Dec 9. 44 — .49

W. A. Miller Dec. 10. 44 — 1.83

Charles S. Johnson Dec. 12. 44 — 1.50

Jordan Marsh & Co. Nov. 27. 44 — 4.95

Miss Ruth Parker Dec. 18. 44 — 2.47

Miss Lucy M. Smith Dec 18. 44 — 3.13

Valley Vista Inn Dec. 6. 44 — 2.65



Bills were examined showing a small balance would be left.

The Budget was discussed item by item and it was decided

to ask for 2,500.00 for 1945.

Adjourned to meet Jan. 2. at 3:30 P.M.

Robert Bommer Jack.

7.5. The following Bills were approved & the paid before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year

H. R. Hunting Co. Dec. 13 Books 11.33

H. R. Hunting Co. Dec. 20 Books 7.55

C. R. Finch Dec. 15 Magazines 17.00

Good House Keeping 2 yrs. 5.50

Child Life 1 yr. 2.50

Popular Sc. Mon. 2 yrs. 5.00

Omniwork 1 yr. 4.00

F. M. Dummell Dec 21 - 200 Fuel oil @ .097 - 19.40

Dec 22 190 " 18.43

Denico Library supplies. Dec 11 - 1,7. # 979 Library Supp. .90

" " Dec. 22 Library supplies 12.80

F. A. Irish 1/2 3 Btg Tons 38

Mrs. Jean F. Chapin Dec. 26. Balance on Nov. Salary 1.40

Mrs. Lucy M. Smith Dec. 26. Dec. Salary 10.65

113.45

R. B. J.

Jan 2. 1945 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braun.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field  
Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Dec 18 were read and approved.

Mr. Field reported that nomination papers had been circulated and  
signed for Miss Merriman & R. B. Jack Trustees for three years  
and Prof. H. W. Morse for one year to fill the unexpired term of Mr. J. J. Walker.

Miss Merriam & Mr. Field were appointed to represent present in Budget for 1945 to the Finance Committee.

The Budget is as follows.

Books	- 300.00
Magazines	- 5.00
Re Binding	- 40.00
Electricity	- 75.00
Fuel oil	- 300.00
Library Supplies	- 30.00
Janitor Supplies	15.00
Water	12.00
Maintenance	
Improvement	100.00
Salaries	1619.50
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	2501.50
Salaries	
Miss Endell	- 1,200
Mr. Brutton	348
Mr. Phelps	25:
Librarian Vacations	
Substitutes	31.00
Sick Leave	15.50
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	1619.50

Mr. Field was authorized to see the article is presented to the select men for insertion in the town warrant, to read as follows.

"We ask the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 for the maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include Library fines."

Mr. Jacks was to make the motion in town meeting for the adoption of this article. Miss Merriam was authorized to arrange Library House. adjourned to meet Monday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Robert Palmer Jack Sec.



February 12<sup>th</sup> 1945 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braam.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker Miss Braam, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack

The Officers for the new year were chosen and are as follows

Chairman Miss C. Ma Merriman Sec. Robert Bomer Jack

The minutes of Jan. 2 were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hunting Co. — Jan. 5:45 — 2.40

" " " 5:45 — 2.80

" " Jan. 10:45 — 11.82

" " " 17.45 — 4.55

" " " 22.45 — 1.50

" " " 27.45 — 13.30

" " Feb 7. 45 — 12.78

Book of the Month Club Jan. 3.19

Ideal Pub. Co. Jan 6:45 3.75

Dewey Library Supplies Jan 29.45 2.85

F. M. Dummell Feb 1. 45 55.58

W. O. Miller Feb 1. 45 3.83

Mrs. Florence Phelps Feb. 1. 45 9.60

Northfield Water Co. Feb 1. 45 6.00

Rubber mats  
Cataloging

Mr. Field was authorized to purchase rubber mats for the children's room.

Miss Merriman was to take up with Miss Zelleth plans for cataloging and do what they think best.

Brown  
Photo

The Rev. Mr. Brown was given permission to use the photo of Saint Tavern if he take it and return it the same day.

Vacation

Miss Zelleth told me of her having two weeks vacation towards end of the summer unless she prefers to separate the two weeks and one week earlier.

It was suggested we take up arranging day for coming books at next meeting.

Flag  
 Miss Ingleth is to send John Turbowick Jr. to Miss Broom  
 with the hope that Miss Broom can arrange with John to put up  
 and take down the flag each day his salary is \$25.00 a week.  
 Adjourned to next Monday Mar. 5 at Miss Broom's  
 home.

Robert Broom Jack Sec.

March Fifth 1945

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Broom  
 Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Broom, Mr. Field, Prof. Homer  
 R-B. Jack.

The minutes of Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> were read and approved  
 The following bills were ordered paid.

Springfield News Co.	2.1.45	—	.90
Northfield Pharmacy	2.27.45	—	.49
Wilson & Co.	3.1.45	—	2.94
Mrs. Florence Phelps.	3.1.45	—	2.25

Miss Cullen's offer of books was accepted with thanks, Miss Merriam  
 to have Miss Ingleth so inform Miss Cullen.

Mr. Field reported the rubber mats for the children's room had been purchased  
 Miss Merriam reported the cataloging was proceeding also  
 that Mr. Rev. Mr. Broomer had taken and returned his photo of Hunt  
 Tavern.

The arranging a day for counting books was put off until the April  
 meeting.

The following discrepancies in the printed town reports are  
 noted.

Miss Ingleth	19.73	should be	19.79
F. M. Dummell	231.41	should be	232.81
Springfield News	71.36	should be	68.36



Book of the month 28.58 should be 15.23

adjourned to meet Monday April 2 at the home of Mrs. Braun.

What Broomer Jack see.

April 2nd 1945 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the home of Mrs. Braun.

Present Mrs. Merriman, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Braun, Mr. Field, Prof. Homer R.B. Jack

The minutes of March Fifth were read and approved  
the following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1945	— 7.00
" "	Mar 19 1945	— 6.13
Springfield News Co.	Mar. 7	— 3.85
" "	Mar. 12	— 1.75
" "	Mar. 19	— 1.93
" "	Mar. 22	— 2.10
Barrett and Baker	Feb 16 + 19	— 6.37
F. M. Dummell	Mar. 1.	— 38.80
" "	April 2	— 38.80
Mrs. Florence Phelps	Mar. 31	— 22.50
Leavis + Bolton	Mar. 1	— 2.50

Mr. Field was authorized to secure the address from Prof. Taylor and order the required amount of wax.

It was moved & carried that books from homes of contagious diseases be destroyed.

Mr. Field reported he had arranged to pay the Janitor \$30 a month instead of \$29.

The Secretary reported he had arranged with John Jurkowski Jr. to display his flag on days the library is open & to take the flag down. John to be paid one dollar a month - Paid every three months.

adjourned to meet May 7 at Mrs. Braun's

Robert Broomer Jack see.

Junior Library

John Jurkowski Jr.  
209

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1945

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Broom.

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Broom, Mr. Field, Prof. Howard H. B. Jek.

The minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Huntington Co.	Mar. 31. 1945	—	2.76
"	Mar. 31	"	4.01
"	April "	"	7.70
"	April 21	"	12.60
"	April 24	"	8.44
"	April 30	"	.70

The Springfield News Co. Mar. 30. 1945 — 1.75

Book of the Month Club April 2.86

W. H. Snow - repair of lawn mower April 20 1.50

Mrs. Florence Phelps 17.50

It was voted to continue Mac Call's Magazine and to drop "Flower Garden"

It was moved & carried that the Sec. write and thank Mrs. Long of Wilkes Barre for books given to the Library and that Miss Merriam thank her sister for paying the express charges.

The Rev. Mrs. Blackstone of S. Vernon was given the privilege of using the Library.

Miss Merriam and Miss Broom were appointed a committee on a new book-case with power to act.

It was decided to set the date for counting the books at the next meeting.

The Board extended its thanks to Miss Broom for her hospitality and decided to hold the Summer meeting in the Library Building adjourned to meet at the Library June 4<sup>th</sup>

Robert Broomer Jark Sec.



June 4<sup>th</sup> 1945 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Prof. House & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of May 7<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co. April 30 - 1945 - 1.40

" " May 26 " - 16.99

Barrett and Baker Mar 30 " - 4.12

C. R. Finch May 12 - " - 9.00

J. M. Dummell April 30 " - 19.40

Saylord Bros. Inc. May 8 " - 2.55

E. G. A. May 29 " - .60

John Jurkowski Jr. June 4 " - 3.00

Mrs. Florence Phelps May 31. " - 27.00

Moved & carried that Miss Zrellth take one week of her vacation June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Merriman be given power to see that a substitute takes Miss Zrellth's place.

Moved by Prof. House seconded by R. B. Jack - where there is a case of scarlet fever in a family, until the quarantine is removed, no books be allowed to go to any member of that family.

Moved & carried we gather at the Library Building July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 A. M. to count the books.

Adjourned to meet at the Library July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Robert Browne Jack, Sec.

July 2 1945 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Prof. House & R. B. Jack

~~to be chosen~~ Miss Merriman being absent Mr. Field was asked to serve as chairman.

The minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

vacation

Scarlet  
fever.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Mrs. Florence Phelps - July 1, 1945 — 15.50

Barrett & Parker June 26, 1945 — 13.87

Book of the month - June - 2.61

H. R. Huntington Co. June 11, 1945 — 2.80

" " 12 " — 1.40

" " 19 " — 18.56

" " 23 " — 1.44

" " 27 " — 6.51

" " 28 " — 7.00

W. D. Miller June 12, 1945 — .64

J. L. Wesley & Sons June 20, 1945 — 28.72

The Commission ordered by the Sec. placed a beam in Reading Room as indicated

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.



July 9<sup>th</sup> 1945. 9 a.m.

The Trustees met to count the Books in the Library

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack  
also Miss Freeth the Librarian.

The result of the count is as follows

First Floor	Fiction	Non Fiction	Total
Children's room	1089	380	1469
adults	2,214	3639	5853
Second Floor			
North Room 1942	662	1764	2426
S.E. Room 484			
Basement	103	84	187
cards	290	66	356
	<u>4358</u>	<u>5933</u>	<u>10,291</u>

Robert Bonner Jackson Sec.

August Sixth 1945 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse  
and R. B. Jack.

The minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> were read & approved

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	June 30. 45	—	13.66
" "	July 27. 45	—	13.09
The Bookstore	June 30. 45	—	1.00
Petty cash for the Librarian	Aug 1. 45	—	5.00

Count of Books  
see minutes of  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup>

Northfield Water Co. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 6.00

Mrs Mary Holton having ~~presented~~ given the Library  
109 books - 30 fiction 79 non fiction the Trustees  
authorized the Secretary to send her a vote of thanks.

It was moved & carried that we arrange to have Mrs. Phelps  
four or five hours a day for four days a week beginning the  
first week in September.

Adjourned to meet Sept. 3 at the Library  
Robert Borman Jack Sec.

Sept. 3, 1945 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library

Present Miss Merriam, Mr. Parker, Miss Bann, Mr. Field & R.B. Jack

The minutes of Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

Barrett and Parker Sept. 1, 1945 — 17.50

Ames Library Supplies July 5, 1945 — .40

" " " July 11, " — 2.35

W. H. Snow July 23, '45 — 1.50

Mrs. Florence Phelps July 31, '45 — 15.50

John Jurkowsky Jr. Sept 3, '45 — 3.00

The Trustees authorized the Sec. to write extending their thanks to  
Mr. Harold Worcester Librarian of Newton Free Library for  
the goodly number of books sent by him to the Dickinson  
Memorial Library through Mr. Fred C. Alexander.

Mrs. Julia Austin and her mother sent money to the Trustees  
for the purchase of a suitable book to be placed in the Library in memory  
of Miss Helen Sarchef. Miss Merriam has made acknowledgment.

Books from  
Newton

S. Archibald

add. to  
Aug 17th 1945



of this gift.

Members

The subscription of Quinbrook was renewed.

Abbott

Mr. + Mrs. Robert Abbott have presented another book in memory of their daughter Carol Ann. The Secretary was authorized to thank Mr. + Mrs. Abbott.

Book Case

The Report of the Book case Committee was accepted and the purchase of the Book case from Mr. Shumway of Fairfield was ordered.

Finances

The financial situation was thoroughly canvassed and found satisfactory.

Adjourned to meet Oct 1st

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Sept. 5. 1945 7 P. M.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Mr. Field, R. B. Jack and Miss Elizabeth the Librarian.

Miss Elizabeth reported that she had counted her cash last evening and about eleven this morning she found it had been stolen.

The cash consisted of \$26.65 - itemized as follows.

Five money 13.65. Exp. money 5.00 Deposits 8.00.

theft.

The Trustees examined the building and found a window in the furnace room opened a crack and the outside door in the furnace room unlocked. They also found the fire escape lower down than usual and a second story window at the head of the fire escape unlocked.

5.00 Pet. Cash 8.00 Deford?

The Trustees signed an order for Library Pet. Cash - 13.65

The Secretary was asked to leave the order with the chairman of the select men - Mr. Fred Holton and also to report the theft to him.

Mr. Field was to ask Mr. Haskell - the Constable to investigate

also I consult with Mr. Benton.

Adjourned

Robert Brown Jack Sec.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1945

The Trustees met at the Library

Present Miss Merriam, Miss Brann, Mr. Field & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Sept 3-5 were read and approved.

The Trustees inspected the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and found it well cleaned and Miss Merriam was asked to express the appreciation of the Trustees to Mr. Benton.

Mr. Field was authorized to look after the inspection of the oil furnace.

Miss Merriam reported that Mr. Washell - the constable and Mr. Joe Morgan were investigating the recent Library Theft but had nothing to report as yet.

A member of the family of Mr. L. A. Barber will care for the raising of the flag each day the Library is open. This service began Sept 22.

The following bills were ordered paid.

Hunting Company	Aug 22 '45	31.16
" "	Aug 31 "	9.63
" "	<del>Aug</del> 20 "	1.40
" "	Aug 20 "	3.33
" "	Aug 31 "	2.44
" "	Aug 31 "	6.45-
" "	Aug. 31 "	1.40
" "	Aug. 31 "	13.49
" "	Aug 31 "	1.40
" "	Sept. 1 "	2.80
" "	Sept 20 "	11.47
" "	Sept 25 "	2.20
Book of the month	Sept 17 "	8.72

Cleaned  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor.

Consulted  
Mr. Field

Flag  
Sept 22  
L. A. Barber



C. R. Finch	Sept. 26 - 1945	9.00
F. M. Dammell	Sept. 19 - 1945	16.40
W. D. Miller	Sept 20 - 1945	1.29
Frank Patton	Sept 29 - 1945	5.20
Florence Phelps	books at .50 - Sept.	30.00

Insurance

Miss Merriam was asked to find out about the insurance on the building.  
 It was moved that the fire extinguishes be recharged.  
 The Board wished this be a pleasant visit to Waukegan, Ill.

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Nov. 5: 1945

The Trustees met at the Library. Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Brown, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse and R. B. Jack. The minutes of Oct. 1st were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. B. Hunting Company	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> 1945	1.93
"	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> "	2.25
Book of the month Club	Sept.	2.86
"	Oct.	5.68
F. M. Dammell	Oct 25	19.52
Mrs. Florence Phelps	69 hours in Oct.	29.00
Henry M. Hammond - Furnace	Oct. 15	6.10

Mr. Field was authorized to purchase 500 overdue Post Cards.  
 Miss Merriam reported further investigation of the Henry Theft.

The Board examined our financial condition.

Needs for next year were mentioned for consideration.

New lights in the Reading Room. New lawn mower, Salary of Librarian.

Floors of stairs sanded ~~for~~

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Dec. 3, 1945 3.30 P. m.

The Trustees met at the Library. Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Baum,  
Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1945 were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Morgan's New England Store	Nov 28 1945	.49
Book of the month	Nov -	2.61
M. F. Sennell	Nov. 20. '45	16.40
Johnson & Johnson	Nov. 13. 45	7.25
Mrs. Florence Phelps	55 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs @ .50	27.75
H. R. Whitting Co.	Nov. 16. 45	3.15

The Secretary was authorized to thank Miss Alice Priest  
for a set of 15 volumes of Popular Science, a copy of Cooper "The Life"  
also of Mr. Steinbecker of insects and human & human body - weekbook.  
also to thank Mrs. Charles Cullen for Toronto's Old Testament  
from Miss Penelope's library.

insurance

Miss Merriam reported <sup>insurance</sup> on the library building is \$26,175.

The Secretary was authorized to speak to Mr. Fred Holton  
letting him know the Trustees feel this amount is small.

~~at~~ The Trustees reviewed our financial standing

Adjourned to meet Dec. 17.

Robert Bomer Jack Sec.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1945 3.30 P. m.

The Trustees met at the Library, present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Baum,  
Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Dec. 3 1945 were read and approved.

Miss Merriam reported the Fire Extinguishers had been filled by Mr. Ans. Johnson.

The following bills were ordered paid -

& in Extinguishers



H. R. Hunting Co	Nov. 30. 45	1.40
Imperial Book Company	Dec. 1. 1945	100.43
J. S. Wesley & sons	Dec 12 ..	10.72
F. M. Dummell	Dec 10 ..	16.40
Chas. L. Johnson	Dec 11 ..	2.00
F. W. Shumway	Dec 13 ..	20.00
Mrs. Florence Phelps	Dec 15 45	16.50
L. A. Barber	Dec 17. 45	3.00

The secretary read the report to the Annual Town meeting and it was approved

The financial standing of the Library was carefully examined.

Adjourned to meet Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 P. M.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

P.S. The Trustees very delighted to find the Library decorated with Christmas trees and one of the large tables in the reading room devoted to a display of Christmas books carefully arranged with a touch of red.

Jan. 7. 1945

The Trustees met at the Library, present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Bann, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack

A New Year's greeting was received from Miss Julia Austin a former member of the Board and the secretary was authorized to respond.

Dr. Fairbanks offer of Geographic Magazines was accepted.

Letters from Miss Alice Priest were read.

The following bills were laid since the last meeting and before Dec 31 -

Hunting	Dec?	Book	\$1.49
American Lib. Assoc.	Dec 27 45	1 yr. subscr. to Book list	\$3.00
Dummell	Dec 15	200 fuel oil	16.40
Dummell	Dec 24	200 fuel oil	16.80

Librarian petty cash - Dec 27 10.00  
 Seneca Library supplies Dec 21 9.15  
 Mrs. Phelps Dec 27 salary 25-31 14.50

nomination

The minutes of Dec 17 were read and approved. Mr. Field reported that nomination papers for Mrs. Parker and Prof. Morse had been presented to the Republican nominating committee - accepted.

Photostatic

Prof. Morse was authorized to make inquiries about state photostatic copies of old documents.

The Secretary was authorized to inquire about scales of salaries of Librarians.

Insurance

The Sec. reported Mr. Bud Holton Chairman of Selectmen reported that in addition to the \$26175 insurance on the building there was a blanket insurance of \$3000 which would apply to furnishings.

The Secretary was authorized to report to Mr. Holton the Board felt the insurance both for building and furnishings was not adequate.

The following Budget for 1946 was adopted

Books -	300	Miscellaneous -	0
Magazines -	56	Salaries Mrs. Phelps	1400
Re-binding -	40	Mr. Bouton	360 <small>connection</small>
Electricity -	90	Mrs. Phelps	300 - 10 months
Fuel - oil	300	Lib. vacation - 2 wks substitute	31
Library Supplies	35	Sick leave - 5 days substitute	15.00
Janitor Supplies	10		
Water	12		
Maintenance + Improvements	100		
	943		
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Mr. Field was authorized to see the article is presented to the selectmen for inclusion in the town warrant, to read as follows - "To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of 3,000 dollars for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include the fines collected at the library for the year - or act thereon."

Mr. Jack was to make the motion in town meeting for the adoption of this article - adjourned to meet Monday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.

What Business Jack has.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1946

Present Miss Merriam Mrs. Parker Miss Braum Mr. Field and R.B. Jack  
The officers of last year were re-elected. Miss Merriam Chairman and R.B. Jack Sec.

The minutes of Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1946 were read and after the correction of Mr. Buttoris salary in Budget from 350 to 360 they were approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	Feb 6. 1946	19.35
Barrett and Baker	Jan. 26 1946	2.20
F. A. Irish	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1946	.96
C. R. Frick	Jan. 15. 1946	5.50
F. M. Dummell	Jan 4. 1946	18.90
F. M. Dummell	Jan 19. 1946	16.80
F. M. Dummell	Jan. 28. 1946	16.80
Johnson & Johnson	Feb 2. 1946	9.75
W. D. Miller	Feb. 9. 1946	.65
Mrs. Florence Phelps	Feb. 1. 1946	30.00
Northfield Water Co.	Feb 1. 1946	6.00

The Secretary reported he had called on Mr. Fred Allen chairman of the selectmen and told him the duties of the Dickinson Memorial Library

did not feel that \$26,170 insurance plus a blanket insurance of \$3,000 which would cover the furniture would be adequate.

Mr. Field was authorized to secure the advice of the Electric Light Company lighting Engineer on the question of lighting the Library.

Adjourned to meet Monday Mar. 4 at 3.30 P. M.

Robert Bronner Jack Sec.

Mar. 4. 1946 3.30 P. M.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field & Prof. Morse.  
Major Kilbourn, representing the Western Massachusetts Electric Company gave the trustees rough estimates as to the cost of installing modern electric lighting in the library and was asked to send in detailed estimates.

The following bills were approved

Mrs. Phelps - Feb. -	30.00
The H. R. Humating Company - Jan. 12	1.40
Jan 18	1.12
Feb 20	2.25-
Demco Library supplies - Jan 2	9.15-
Feb 7	13.35-

Horace H. Morse Secretary pro tem.

April 1st 1946 3.30 P. M.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R.B. Jack.  
The minutes of Feb. 11 and Mar. 4. were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Humating Co. Feb 26 1946	- 5.07
" Feb 28	- 12.00



W. R. Hunting Co. Mar 18 1946 — 2.06

Mar 23 — 9.77

Book of the Month Club - Mar. 26.46 - 9.08

Feb 26.46 - 3.11

F. M. Dummell Mar 1. 1946 — 52.20

L. A. Barber April 1. 1946 — 3.00

Mr. Florence Phelps April 1. 1946 — 30.00

Frank E. Button April 1. 1946 — 10.00

It was moved and carried that Mr. Button be paid 10.00 for extra shovelling of snow.

Mr. Field brought with him blue prints and plans furnished by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for better lighting. Mr. Morse offered to discuss the plans with Mr. Rickett of the town.

Adjourned to meet Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.  
Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

May 6. 1946

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Miss Meserian, Miss Parker, Miss Brown, Mr. Field and Mr. Morse.

The following bills were ordered paid

W. R. Hunting Company	Mar. 29 <sup>1946</sup>	24.86
"	Mar. 30	21.81
"	April 5	1.40
"	April 15	1.75
"	April 19	15.00
"	April 20	1.88
"	April 20	7.51
"	April 29	2.06

May - Book of the Month - 3.11  
 May 1 - J. S. Wesley 41.36  
 Mar. 20 F. M. Dummell - 2.11  
 April 1. W. D. Miller 3.48  
 May 1 Mrs. Florence Phelps 30.00

Zivon moved and carried that Miss Broom get Tanuki  
 to fix up shrubs etc around Library.

H. H. Morse Sec. Pro Temp.

June 3rd 1946 3.30 P. M.

The Trustees met at the Library.  
 Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker Prof Morse & R. B. Jack  
 The minutes of April 1st & May 6 were read and approved.  
 The following bills were ordered paid:  
 H. R. Humtting Co. April 30. 46 — 9.70  
 " May 10. 46 — 1.44  
 C. R. Finch - Recorder Gazette. May 29. 46 — 6.00  
 F. M. Dummell April 11. 46 — 17.40  
 " May 3. 46 — 15.39  
 W. H. Snow May 20. 46 — 2.00  
 Morgan N. E. Potts May 5. 46 — .69  
 L. A. Barber - June 3. 46 — 3.00  
 Florence Phelps. June 3. 46 — 30.00  
 Feed Tanuki May 30. 46 — 3.25

moved & carried Mrs. Florence Phelps be engaged for the Summer.

Robert Broomer Jack Sec.

July 1st 1946 3.30 P. M.

The Trustees met at the Library.

Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Broom, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack.



The minutes of June 3rd 1946 were read and approved.

Mr. Field brought to the library from the home of the late Charles E. Stearns a picture of Northfield street of 1903. Mr. Field was instructed to see that the thanks of the trustees were given to the donor.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Humming Co.	- May 29, 1946	1.40
" " "	May 31 " "	2.07
" " "	June 6 " "	1.40
" " "	June 6 " "	3.33
" " "	June 14 " "	1.40
" " "	June 24 " "	44.12

Book of the month - June — 2.86

Mrs. Florence Phelps July 1, 1946 — 30.00

In view of the fact that Mr. Britton is about to move to Greenfield Mr. Field was authorized to ask Mr. L. O. Parker to serve as janitor on some one else.

The trustees thanked Mr. Jack for a new library flag.

It was moved and carried that no book be reserved until it has been on the shelf four months.

Adjourned

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1946 3. P. M.

The trustees met at the home of Miss Braum, present Miss Merriam.

Mrs. Parker Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack.

Mr. Field reported that Mr. Britton would cease the janitor July 31<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Louis M. Attey would begin to serve as janitor Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1946 at same salary of \$30.00 per month.

After discussion and reading of letters from Miss E. B. Tyler & Miss Randolph the recommendation of Miss Tyler. The Board moved and carried the motion that Mrs. Florence Phelps serve as Head Librarian (Miss Zoloth having indicated her intention of accepting a new position in Sept.) It was moved & carried Mrs. Phelps salary be 1200 a year.

Adjourned to meet at Miss Braum Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 P.M. Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Mr. Attey  
begins

Mrs. Phelps  
chosen

Aug. 1. 1946 3. P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Brann present Miss Merriman, Miss Brann Prof. Morse and R.B. Jack.

The minutes of July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Field had brought National Geographic Magazine from the Estate of Mr. Charles C. Seame and that we now have in the store room at the North East of the basement the National Geographic Magazine from Jan. 1921 to the present with the exception of the Dec. 1921 issue.

The following Bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hunting Co.	July 13. 1946	— 4.55
" 23 "	"	— 1.40
" 23 "	"	— 9.98
Book of the month	August	— 3.06
Denno Library Supplies	July 9. 1946	— 1.33
W.D. Miller	June 17. 1946	— .43
J. D. Wesley & Sons	July 29. 1946	— 47.11
Mr. Florence Phelps	July - 27 hrs.	— 38.50

It was moved and carried that a supply of dating slips be secured the following Magazine Subscriptions were renewed.

American Sail	- 3 years - 4 Dollars
Atlantic Monthly	- 2 years - 9 Dollars.
Omni Book	- 2 years - 7.50
McCall	- 3 years - 3.00.

It was recorded that Miss Lucy Mears. Evelyn resigned as Librarian to accept the Librarian position at Edgewood Park School at Blaircliff Manor N.Y.

Miss Evelyn came to us after Christmas 1944 and has rendered faithful and efficient service the Trustees are sorry to have her go.



Miss Zrelitz  
resigns

Mr. Phelps  
begins

It was moved and carried that Miss Zrelitz term of service as Librarian would close August 24<sup>th</sup> 1946 and Mrs. Florence Phelps service as Librarian would begin the same day. Adjourned to meet Sept. 9 at 3.30 P.m.  
Robert Donner Treas. Sec.

Sept 9 1946 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library. Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Brann, Mr. Field, Prof. Howe and R.A. Jack.

The minutes of Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> were read and approved.

Miss Merriam reports there was an ample supply of dating slips.

Miss Merriam read a letter from Miss Zrelitz.

The following bills were ordered paid

H.R. Hunting Co.	Aug 9 - '46	193
"	Aug. 22 - "	2.00
"	" 23 "	.95
Book of the month -	Sept. -	3.13
C.R. Finch	Sept 1, 1946	23.50
Demos Library supplies -	June 13, 46	2.50
Mrs. Florence Phelps	Sept 1, 46	18.00
L.A. Barber	Sept. 9, 46	3.00
Northfield Water Co.	Aug 11, 46	6.00

It was moved and carried that 500 overdue cards be printed.

The following magazine subscriptions were renewed - American Magazine 3 yrs. \$7.00  
Popular Science one year 2.50; Popular Mechanics one year 2.50 Harper one year 4.00  
Hobbies one year 2.50 A.L.A. Book list 3.00 Child Life 2 yrs.

The Secretary was authorized to write to Miss Zrelitz to extend her thanks of the Trustees for the use of her typewriter also for Wilson's Standard Catalog and its supplement, The Children's Catalog, The Fiction Catalog, The Book List also an appreciation of her efficient service and her work interest in helping other people.

Miss Zrelitz  
resigns  
Sept 9 1946

No Books to  
be removed  
from contagious  
diseases.

It was moved and carried that the Trustees allow no books to be taken from the Library by families where they have contagious diseases until a doctor's certificate is furnished stating that all danger of contagion is passed.

Mr. Field was authorized to look after the painting of the putty on the windows <sup>of the library</sup> and the removal from the window frames of the sticky surface.

Mrs. Parker & Miss Braum were authorized to look for an assistant Librarian and to report to the Board.

On motion of Prof. Morse the Trustees accepted the two copies of the History of the Rustic Ridge Association offered by Mr. Jack and that he dispose of the books as he suggested.

The Trustees consented to R. B. Jack with the advice of Prof. Morse setting books in the up-stairs stack room in order.

R. B. Jack

Sec.

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1946 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library. Present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field & Prof. Morse.

The hobbies magazine was dropped.

Mr. Field was empowered to get George A. White to repair the library gutters.

The following bills were ordered paid.

October Book of the Month Club	—	\$ 2.88	Book
The H. R. Huntington Co	Sept 13	14.35	Books
C. R. Finch	Sept 18	16.00	Renewals of Magazines
Mary G. Parker	Oct 7	5.00	500 Post Cards
Johnson + Johnson	Sept. 25	2.25	Printing Post Cards
W. D. Miller	Sept 1	2.65	Plumbing material + repairs
Arlene Dumm	Oct. 1	12.00	work in Library

Adjourned to meet Nov. 4. House H. Morse Sec. per Tem



Nov. 4. 1946 3:30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library. Present Miss Murrinan, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, Prof. Morse + R.B. Jack.

The minutes of Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

Miss Arlene ~~Dunnell~~ Dunnell was appointed Assistant to the Librarian on September 11<sup>th</sup> and began her work Tuesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

Since the October meeting Mr. George White + Howard H. Springdale Maine repaired parts of the Building and presented the following bill which was approved and taken 5 m. doct. Oct. 21. 1946

" 20th Dickinson Memorial Library, Northfield, Mass.

Labor — \$231.00  
Material — \$61.00  
\$292.00

Repairs on two chimneys.

Repairs on Chimney flashings.

Repairs on gutters

Repairs on Conductors

Repairs on slate roof

Repairs on copper valleys.

Repairs on 230 feet of tile ridging.

Repairs on sky lights.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Hunting Company	Oct. 3. 1946	—	4.90
"	Oct 8. "	—	1.93
"	Oct 8 "	—	2.10
"	Oct 17 "	—	3.15
"	Oct 18 "	—	2.10
"	Oct 22 "	—	5.08
"	Oct 24 "	—	2.80

Miss Dunnell  
asst. Librarian

Roof  
Repairs

Book of the month club Nov. \_\_\_\_\_ 3.15  
 F. M. Dummell oil Oct 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 17.10  
 Miss Arline Dummell - Nov. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 20.00  
 adjourned to meet Dec 2. 3.30 P.m.  
 Robert Bommer Jack Sec.

Dec 2 1946 3.30 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library Present Miss Hammond  
 Miss Beaum Mr. Field and R.B. Jack Sec.

The minutes of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The Secretary was authorized to extend the thanks of the  
 Trustees to Mrs John Wisdom 87-10 Elm Ave. Hollis Long Island N.Y.  
 for her gift of 175 books to the Library

The following bills were ordered paid

H.R. Hunting Co. Nov. 13.46 \_\_\_\_\_ 2.80

C.R. Finch Nov. 21.46 \_\_\_\_\_ 2.50

F.M. Dummell Nov. 30.46 \_\_\_\_\_ 38.40

W.D. Miller Dec 1. 46 \_\_\_\_\_ .97

Henry W. Hammond Nov. 18.46 \_\_\_\_\_ 11.65

Miss Arline Dummell 48 hrs @ .50 - Dec 2. - 24.00

L.A. Parker Dec 2 - 3.50

Prof. Morse presented a letter given by Mrs. A.S. Moody  
 and found in the papers of the late Mr. A.S. Moody

This letter dated May 26 1896 was from Mr E.M. Dickinson to  
 Mr. D.L. Moody - It ~~was~~ was ordered to be filed.

Prof. Morse was asked to look up books at the Folowz Home

Adjourned to meet Dec 16 at 3.30 P.m.

Robert Bommer Jack Sec.



Dec. 16. 1946

The Trustees met at the Library. Present Miss Mercurian, Miss Brann, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> were read and approved.

Miss Mercurian ~~presented~~ the Board of Trustees a few yellow pen holders. Mr. Field gave three fountain pens each has a history.

Miss Mercurian brought to the meeting a clipping from a recent issue of the Record Gazette - in which the record is given that fifty years ago on Nov 19. 1896 the contract for putting in the foundations of the E. M. Dickinson Public Library was given to Herbert Chamberlain & work was already begun with prospect of being completed before Winter.

Library  
Foundation  
Nov 19. 1896

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hummel Co. - Nov. 27. 1946 — 1.40  
Nov 30. 1946 — 1.75  
Nov 30. 1946 — 1.40 Cash.

Barrett & Baker - Nov. 7. 1946 — 2.07

E. M. Dunell - Dec 16. 1946 — 19.40

Morgan New Eng. Nov - Nov. 6. 1946 — .50

Mr. Field was authorized to get the flag pole up.

The secretary read the Annual Report to the Town Meeting which was adopted.

Miss Mercurian made a statement as to our present financial condition. Prof. Morse was authorized to bring to the

Republican Nominating Committee our request that ~~Mr. Field~~ Miss Brann & Mr. Field be nominated to serve as Trustees for the ensuing three years.

- over -

adjourned to meet Jan 6, 1947. 3.35 P.M.  
at R. B. Jack Sec.

P.S. The record of the approval of the following bills is made a part of the minutes of Dec 16 1946

H.R. Huntington Company	Dec 16 1946	23.29
	Credit 1.75	
Books of the month		3.75
Barrett & Baker	Dec 23. 1946	12.32
Imperial Book Company	Nov. 4. 1946	31.21
American Library Association	Dec 21. Booklet Rental	3.00
Dunnell	Dec. 24 200 fuel oil	19.40
Librarian	Dec. 23 Petty Cash	5.00
Hillier W.D.	Dec. 16 12 Bulbs + tax	.97
Randall, Mrs. W.	Dec. Salary	13.50

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1947 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Mercy Brann  
 Present: Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse & Dr. J. K.  
 The minutes of Dec. 16 including Post Receipt were read & approved.  
 The following bills were approved & ordered paid

The Books of the month club Jan. — 3.40  
 H.R. Huntington Co. Books Dec 27 1946 — 1.75

The report of the Librarian to the Town meeting was read also  
 a letter from Denbigh house about a gift book "Choose Freedom."

The following Budget for 1947 was adopted

Books	- 400	Janitor supplies	- 10
Magazines	- 26	Water	- 12
Re-binding	- 50	Maintenance	- 100
Electricity	- 100		1043
Fuel oil	- 300		
Librarian supplies	- 45		

also

Budget



Salaries Librarian 1400  
 Janitor 360  
 Assistant Librarian 434.20  
~~Miss Zwick for Cataloging 2254.65~~  
 Lib vacation 34 40.30  
 Library sick leave 20.15  
 2254.65  
 Brought forward 1043.00  
 329765

Mr. Field was authorized to see the article is presented to the selectmen  
 for insertion in the town warrant to read as follows: "To see if the  
 town will raise and appropriate the sum of 3,300 dollars for the  
 care & maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount  
 to include the fines collected at the Library during the year - or set thereon.  
 Mr. Jack was to make the motion in town meeting for the adoption  
 of this article. Adjourned  
 Robert Bommer Jack - Sec.

Feb. 10. 1947

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Mercy Braum.  
 Present Miss Merriman Mrs Parker Miss Braum Pop. Moser & R. B. Jack  
 It is here recorded that Miss Braum & Mr. Field were elected at the  
 Town meeting of Feb. 3, 1947 to serve as Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial  
 Library for a term of three years.  
 Miss Ina Merriman was chosen as Chairman of the Board and  
 R. B. Jack as Secretary.  
 The minutes of the meeting of January 6<sup>th</sup> including the Budget  
 were approved. As a correction it is noted the minutes of  
 Dec 16<sup>th</sup> should have mentioned the Report of the Trustees to the

Town meeting  
 Warrant

Trustees

Report - Town  
meeting - 1946

Town meeting was read at that time and approved.

The Chairman - Miss Merriam presented at the meeting of Jan 6<sup>th</sup> in a record of our Library Endowment and by order of the Board it is here written in the minutes of this meeting.

Investments  
+  
Income therefrom

Greenfield Savings Bank — \$5742.25

Franklin Savings Inst — \$2559.91

Crocker Inst for Savings 1136.85

9,439.01

U.S. Govt. Bonds

300.00

9,739.01 — 9,739.01

Dickinson Book Fund

Crocker Inst. for Savings

3,000.00

3,000.00

12,739.01

12,739.01

Income in 1946

unexpended Balance .57

Bank Interest 7.1.45-7.1.46 — 189.65

6.2.46 U.S. Int.

3.75

12.2.46 U.S. Int.

3.75

197.72

Dickinson Book Fund

11.1.46 unexpended Balance .19

7.1.45-7.1.46 Bank Int.

60.30

60.49

258.21

Salaries

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Librarian's new salary of 1,400 a year and the assistant Librarian's new salary at the rate of 65 cents and four would begin Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1947

The following bills were approved and ordered paid

H. R. Hunting Company 1.15.47 — 5.60

" " " 1.23.47 — 22.65

Barrett & Baker 1.14.47 4.50

29.45



Greenfield Recorder + Gazette June 1.47 to June 1.48 — 6.00

F. M. Dummell Feb. 1.47 — 57.80

Danvers Library Duffless 1.22.47 — 12.50

Northfield Water Company 2.1.47 — 6.00

Mrs. Warren A. Randall Jan. 47 - 36 hrs @ .50 18.00

It was moved and carried that <sup>the copy of</sup> Popular Science + Popular Mechanic be kept in the store room.

The subscription to Good Home Keeping was renewed.

It was moved that of the four copies of "Chore Freedom" received two be kept by the Library and one copy be given to Northfield Farm Library and one copy to the Vernon Library.

adjourned to meet Mon. 3. at 3.30 P.M.

Robert Brown Jack Sec.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1947

The Ladies met at the home of Miss Brown. Present Miss Brown, Miss Broom, Mrs. Field, Prof. Morse and R.B. Jack.

~~The minutes of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.~~ On account of the storm of March 3<sup>rd</sup> the March meeting was postponed to March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes of February 10<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

Miss Brown read a letter from Mrs. Lucie Phillips thanking the Ladies for the copy of "Chore Freedom" sent to the Vernon Library. Miss Morrison reported the Northfield Farm Library had shown their thanks for their copy of "Chore Freedom".

The following bills were added paid:

W. A. Huntington Co - Feb. 10	1.40
Book of the month club Feb 20	2.50
Springfield News Company Mar. 8.	18.05
F. M. Dummell Feb. 21	35.00

Popular Science  
Popular Mech.  
Good Home Keeping  
"Chore Freedom"

James Library Supplies - Feb. 19. - 5.00  
 Gaylord Bros. Inc. Feb. 19 - 3.60  
 Mrs. Warren Randall 18 hr @ 50. 7.00 and 48 hr @ 60 = 31.20  
 advanced  
 Peter Bonner Jack & Co.

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1947

The trustees met at the home of Miss Broom, Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Broom, Mr. Field, Prof. Morse and R. B. Jack.

The minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntley Company Mar. 19. 1947 — 13.93

" " " Mar. 20. " — 4.20

" " " Mar. 31. " — 2.55

Book of the Month Club - April — 3.15

Springfield News Company - Feb. 18. 47 - 12.19

Springfield News " Mar 3. 47 - 2.67

Z. M. Dummell April 1. 47 — 34.40

Petty cash for the library April 1. 47 5.00

W. D. Miller April 1. 47 3.38

Mrs. Warren Randall - 36 hr in Mar @ 65 - 23.40

S. A. Barker April 14. 47 - 3.00

Mr. Field was asked to have collection again begin at the corner of Dickinson Road

Mr. Jack was asked to have Senior Bellini again pavement near library steps.

Mrs. Randall ~~asked to resign~~ resigned her position as assistant Librarian - Finding someone to take her place was discussed at length advanced to meet May 15<sup>th</sup> at Miss Broom's

Peter Bonner Jack

Sec.



May Fifth 1947 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Brann - Present Miss Morrison  
Mrs. Parker, Miss Brann, Mr. Field, Prof. Wm. R. S. Jack.

The minutes of April 14. 1947 were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

Trine & Stricker	April 24-1947	1.15	
H. R. Hunting Company	April 11. 1947	2.06	
H. R. Hunting Company	April 18. 1947	1.40	
C. R. Finch -	April 22. 1947	5.50	Good Housekeeping 2 years.
J. S. Wesley & Sons -	April 24. 1947	12.62	
Dimes Library Supplies -	Mar. 10. 1947	16.20	
Dimes Library Supplies -	April 11. 1947	1.20	
Mrs. Warren Randall	May 1. 1947	5.53	

After some discussion and following a report from Miss Brann  
and the Secretary concerning their call on Mrs. Ruhl

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Ruhl be appointed  
Assistant Librarian - salary the same as her predecessor

Mr. Field was asked to secure a site for the desk lamp:

Mr. Field brought to the attention of the Board the possibility  
of securing lamps about the discarded by the First National  
Bank of Greenfield. more information will be available  
at the next meeting.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Parker purchase a guestbook  
for the Library.

The Board extended their thanks to Miss Brann for her  
hospitality - moved to adjourn to meet at the Library June 2nd 3.30 P.M.

Robert Bonner Jack

Sec.

Assist Librarian  
clerk

June 2 1947 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library but on account of the temperature the meeting adjourned to Miss Braum's home.

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum and R. B. Jack

The minutes of May 7th were read and approved.

The renewal of the subscription for the Abolished Readers Guide was authorized - 5 December 1947

The following bills were ordered paid

H. B. Hunting Co. - April 25, 1947 — 1.88

Barrett & Parker - April 4, 1947 — 2.06

The H. W. Wilson Company (Abolished Readers Guide) Oct 31, 46 — 2.90

The Seneca Library Supplies - May 22, 47 — 1.20

Mrs. H. Ruhl 45 hrs @ .65 — June 2, 47 — 29.25

L. A. Barber - June 2 - 47 — 3.00

Mr. Field was asked to have the painter cut the bushes three eight and left of the Library entrance cut 5 to 6 inches of the ground, also to remove weeds from the beds. Mrs. Parker agreed to see Mr. Field.

It was moved and carried that we invite Miss Zeleff to come during the month of July to do as much <sup>catalogue</sup> work as she finds possible - at the same rate as formerly paid.

Adjourned to meet at the Library July 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 P.M.

Ruth Bonner Jack sec.

Friday June 13 1947

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum

Present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Mr. Field, Mr. H. C. Ruhl and R. B. Jack

A letter was read from Mrs. H. C. Ruhl informing the Board she was about to go to Pennsylvania and that she wished to resign her work at the Library by July 4.



after some discussion the secretary was authorized to drive  
to Gill and engage Mrs. Stanley Bell to take Mrs. Ruhl's place if  
she can come July 8<sup>th</sup>. At journey  
Robert Brown Jack Sec.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1947 3.30 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library, Present Miss Mercurian, Mrs. Parker,  
Miss Brown, Prof. Morse and R.B. Jack.

The minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The Sec. reported that he had called on Mrs. Stanley Bell and she  
had agreed to call on Miss Brown & Miss Mercurian. Mrs. Bell  
is expected to take the position of Assistant Librarian on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The following bills were ordered paid -

H.R. Huntington Co., May 27 '47 — 2.40

" " " May 28 '47 — 17.16

" " " June 13 '47 — 12.08

" " " June 20 '47 — 12.78

" " " Credit 2.40

Book of the month May 23 '47 } 3.65  
3.50

Barrett and Parker May 23 '47 3.00

Springfield News Company May 27 '47 1.35

Vocational Guidance Manual 1.87

The Civics Society Inc. May 21 '47 2.60

F. M. Dummell apic 9<sup>th</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup> } 25.50  
25.30

Mrs. H. C. Ruhl 50 hrs June @ 65 " 1 hr July 7.15 } 39.65

A. J. Anderson, Lawn Mower 3.00

Miss Zwick

Miss Mercurian reported that Miss Zwick is here to work at cataloging for a month.  
Mrs. Phelps was authorized to have the Union Pacific R.R. pictures of the  
Presidents of the United States of America framed for the children's room.

Mr. Field was thanked for turning the Forsythia bushes at the right & left of the library entrance also for mending the beds.

The Librarian was given permission to use silver in the closet in the children's room for books.

Mr. L. A. Parker was thanked for repairs to rope & pulley of the flag pole.

The Trustees inspected the building and had a long discussion about the duties of the Janitor.

adjourned Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

August Fourth 1947

The Trustees met at the Library present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braun, and R. B. Jack.

Miss Merriman had cleaned the second story and the Trustees expressed their appreciation and discussed the janitor's work at length.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Field in which he resigned his office as Trustee. The Secretary was authorized to write Mr. Field expressing our appreciation of Mr. Field's service as Trustee and our regret that he finds it necessary to resign.

The minutes of July 7<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

Mrs. Phelps began her two weeks vacation <sup>July 25</sup> and Mrs. Bell has been taking her place.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hurdington Company	July 28, 1947	1.75
Book of the Month Club		3.45
Morgan New England Store		.54
W. D. Miller	May 6. 47	.65
Mrs. Stanley Bell	Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup> hrs. @ 65	35.75

The Secretary was authorized to write to Miss Miriam Roberts Small N. Bernick, Inc.

Mr. Field resigns

Mrs. Phelps vacation



giving her permission to use her copy of the Holmes letters in our library.

L.R. Smith  
arrow heads

The Secretary brought to the meeting the splendid collection of Indian arrow heads & bunnies from the L.R. Smith Estate given to the Dickinson Memorial Library through the courtesy of Dr. Richard Smith. The Secretary reported that he had written to Dr. Richard Smith to thank him.

The Trustees laid a visit to the second floor to find a place for the exhibit of these arrow heads, while there they noted the splendid work of Miss Merriman in cleaning the rooms & hall.

Miss Merriman was authorized to buy a type-writer, fuel with discount, at present, \$54.<sup>65</sup>

Miss Everett

Miss Everett has given us a month of splendid service<sup>as</sup> cataloging and the Trustees authorized orders that she be paid 120<sup>00</sup>.

Grace C.W.

The Secretary was authorized to write to Mr. H.W. Hammond Greenfield Mass. asking him to inspect the furnace. The Secretary reported that Mr. Frank MacIntire had cut the gas N.E. & S. of the Library. The meeting adjourned.

Robert Browne Jack Sec.

September Eighth 1947

The Trustees met at the Library, present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Brawn, <sup>Miss H.H. Morse</sup> and R.B. Jack.

The minutes of August 4<sup>th</sup> were approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	Aug. 15. 47	—	10.85
"	Aug. 29. 47	—	3.93

C. H. Demond & Co.	Aug 31. 47	—	54.67
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Northfield Water Co.	Aug 1. 47	—	6.00
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Mrs. Stanley Bell	73 hrs @ 65 <sup>00</sup> Sept. 1. 47	—	47.45
L. A. Barker	Sept 1. 47	—	3.00

Miss Merriman reported an insurance man had looked over the building and asked the trustees to place a value on the books and furnishings - the sec. was authorized to write to State

Librarian for advice. Mr. Parker agreed to look up Mrs. H. W. Hammond about inspecting the furnace. The insurance man said the fire extinguishers should be recharged. The Secretary was authorized to thank Mrs. Leander Kels for books received. Prof. Morse was asked to see Mr. Porter about removing books from the Library lot and the Sec. was asked to get bids for painting the fire escape. Adjourned to meet Oct 6.  
Robert Bomer Jack Sec.

October 4<sup>th</sup> 2 P. M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum, present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Prof H. H. Morse, Mr. L. A. Barber & R. B. Jack. Mr. Barber having accepted the invitation to serve as trustee was welcomed at this meeting.

The minutes of September Eighth were ~~read and approved~~ <sup>read and approved</sup>.  
The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co -	Aug 29. 47 -	17.17
H. R. Huntington Co -	Sept. 7. 47 -	14.18
C. R. Drisch	Sept 10. 47 -	14.50
Demed Library Supplies	Sept 19. 47 -	10.80
Henry W. Hammond	Sept 25. 47 -	13.25
Mrs. Stanley Bell 56 hrs @ .65	Oct 1. 47 -	36.40
Mrs. W. A. Randall 11 hrs @ .65	Oct 1. 47 -	7.15

Bids for painting fire escape and outside woodwork were opened and read. Moved seconded and carried that Mr. Barber be authorized to confer with Couture Brothers and if the way be clear to accept their bid for painting outside wood work, two coats, color the same.

The bid was 115 dollars

Mrs. Parker agreed to see Mr. Charles Johnson about filling the fire extinguishers



Prof. Morse & Mr. Jack were appointed a Committee to estimate the value of Library Books & Furnishings.

It was agreed to hold the regular meetings of the Trustees on the first Saturday of each month at two P. M.

Adjourned to meet at Miss Braum Nov. 1. at 2 P. M.

Robert Bronner Jack Sec.

Nov. 1, 1947 2 P. M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum, present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Braum, Prof. H. H. Morse, Mr. L. A. Barber and R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. B. Smithing Co.	Sept. 30. 47	21.51
" " "	Oct 22. 47	19.34

Book of the month - Oct -	3.62
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Mrs. Stanley Bell 57 hrs @ .65	37.05
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Johnson & Johnson Oct 6. 47	4.25
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Mrs. Parker was authorized to have 500 over due cards printed.

It was ordered that mention be made in the paper that Mr. Joseph Fied had resigned as Trustee and Mr. L. A. Barber had accepted the invitation to serve as Trustee.

Mrs. Phelps report was read, approved and ordered put on file.

The Secretary was requested to convey to Mrs. Phelps the Trustees appreciation of her report.

Mr. Parker reported that Mr. Chas. Johnson said the fire tanks did not need repainting. Mr. Barber reported the painters planned to start painting the outside wood work at the beginning of the week.

It was moved & carried that the Trustees accept the inventory of Books and moveable property of the Library, that a copy of the inventory be given

To the selection with the request that it be <sup>put</sup> placed in a safe place and that a copy be put in the file of the Trustees.

The Trustees placed a value of \$50.00 on the pictures & \$500.00 on museum exhibits.

The ~~gift~~ arrowheads & clay stones from the S. R. Smith estate have been placed on display in the upstairs south room.

The financial situation of the Budget was carefully considered. Mr. Barber was authorized to have the fire escape painted the color to be within the budget.

Adjourned to meet ~~Nov 29~~ <sup>Nov 29<sup>th</sup></sup> at 2 P.M. at Miss Brauns  
Miss Bomer Jack Sec.

Nov. 29. 1947

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Brauns - present Miss Merriam, Miss Brauns & Mr. Barber.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Huntington Co.	Oct 29	—	9.64
"	Nov. 10	—	2.10
" "	Nov. 21	—	34.14
" "	Nov. 21	—	1.40

H. W. Wilson Co. General of Subscriptions

of Budgeted Readers Guide Act 31 2.90

F. M. Dummell Fuel oil - Oct 24 - 200 - 21.40

Nov. 13 - 250 - 28.75

Nov. 29 - 200 - 23.00 - 73.15

Johnson & Johnson

Paint case 5.00

Painting 3.25 — 8.25

Couture Bros. Painting Exterior Trim 115.00

Turnstalls " Fire Escape 113.00 228.00

Mrs. Stanley Bell Nov 29 39 hours @ .65 25.35

Mr. Barber Painted Caroline Brown finished painting Interior Trim & Fire escape  
Miss Brauns Sec. Pro Temp.



Dec. 20 1947

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braam - present Miss Herriman, Miss Braam  
Prof. H. H. Morse Mr. L. A. Barber & R. B. Jack

The minutes of Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov 29<sup>th</sup> were read & approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Condit Co. Nov. 29-1947 — 44.30

" " Dec. 12-1947 — 27.84

Book of the month - Dec. — 3.65

American Library Association Dec. 15-47 5.00

Wesby & Son - rebinding Dec. 3-47 20.30

E. M. Dummell Dec. 13 - 23.00

Dec. 22 24.80 47.80

Mrs. Stanley Bell 44 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs @ 65 28.93

Mr. L. A. Barber 3.00

Library Petty cash 15.00

The Christmas decorations of the library were mentioned with appreciation.

Mr. L. A. Barber was authorized to ask the Town for sale.

Miss Alice Mundie having copied the inventory made recently,  
the Trustees voted their thanks.

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Town and  
it was approved by vote.

Adjourned to meet Jan. 3.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.  
Jan. 3. 1948

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braam - present Miss Herriman,  
Miss Braam, Prof. H. H. Morse & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1947 & Dec 20-1947 were read & approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Condit Co. Dec 29. — 22.76

H. W. Wilson Dec 29 — 6.00

Mr. Phelps was given permission to close his library in time of Blizzard at his discretion.  
The following Budget for 1948 was adopted.

Books	400	Salaries	
Magazines	21.	Librarian -	15.60
Re Binding	50	Janitor	4.20
Electricity	105	Assistant	413.70
Fuel Oil	370	Lib. vacation	43.40
Library supplies	75	Lib. sick leave	21.70
Petty Cash			<u>2458.80</u>
Janitor supplies	10		
Water	12		
Maintenance	<u>100</u>		2458.80
	1143		<u>1143.00</u>
			3601.80

It was authorized that the following article be presented to the selectmen for insertion in the town warrant to read as follows.

"To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of 3,600 dollars for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include the fines collected at the library during the year and the dog tax - or act thereon."

It was decided that the Library Trustees attend the approaching meeting of the Finance Committee in a body.

Adjourned to meet Feb. 7, 1948

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

Jan. 15, 1948 7.30 P. M.

The Trustees met at Town Hall Present Mrs. Freeman Mrs. Pramm, Prof. H. H. Morse Mr. J. A. Barker & R. B. Jack

It was moved & seconded Mr. Barker to give authority to deal with the finance. adjourned

R. B. Jack Sec.



Feb. 8. 1948

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braun present Miss Braun  
Prof. H. H. Morse Mr. L. A. Barker & R. B. Jack - in the absence of  
Miss ~~Braun~~ <sup>Merriman</sup> Prof. Morse acted as Chairman.

The minutes of Jan. 3 & Jan. 15 were read and approved.  
Mr. L. A. Barker was elected at the down meeting of Feb. 2 to fill  
the unexpired term for two years - and Miss Emma Merriman & R. B. Jack  
were elected for three years.

Miss Merriman was elected Chairman of the Board for the year  
1948-1949 & R. B. Jack Secretary.

Miss Merriman having arrived ~~she~~ took the chair.  
The following bills were approved & ordered paid.

O. H. Utley Company -	Jan 20 - 48 -	2.50
Northfield Water Company	Jan	6.00
H. R. Huntington Co	Dec 31 - 47	7.00

" "	Jan 19. 1948	1.93
" "	Jan 23. 1948	2.80
" "	Jan 27. 48	3.40

Warren A. Randall	Jan. 6. 48	1.75
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Mrs. Mantley Bell	39 hrs Jan - @ 60	20.35
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Mr. Barker was authorized to have Mr. Johnson fill fire extinguishers.  
Mrs. Phelps report for January was read showing a total of 4687  
books have been catalogued.

Miss Merriman was authorized to take up the matter of Scout instruction  
with Mrs. Phelps & act at her discretion.

The matter of repair of Lavatory basin was left in Mr. Barker's hands with  
power to act.

Mr. Barker was authorized to take up the matter of walls and  
temperature with the janitor also to make the cellar door weather tight.

Mr. Phelps was authorized to buy a vacuum - also a waste Basket for the children's room.

It was agreed that the usual Library supplies be purchased at this time. Miss Merriam was authorized to purchase Library Correspondence paper.

Adjourned to meet March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

March Sixths 1948 2 P.M.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Braum present Miss Merriam, Miss Braum, Prof. H. H. Morse & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of February 8 were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	Jan 30 -	1.93
"	Feb 19 -	31.67
Book of the month -	Feb.	3.65
J. M. Durrell oil.	Jan. 2.	32.24
	Jan 13	27.30
	Jan. 23.	28.34
	Feb. 2	29.64
	Feb. 10	23.66
		141.18
Barrett and Baker	Feb 16	1.00
W. A. Miller	Mar 1.	.68
W. D. Miller	Feb 25	49.64
Leavis & Bolton	Mar. 1	10.60
Mr. Stanley Bell	@ 50	33.60
Geographical Publishing Co.	Altar Jan. 27.	19.50

Mr. Phelps report for Feb. was read and Prof. Morse was asked to talk with her.

Adjourned to meet April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M.  
Robert Bonner Jack Sec.



April Third 1948 2 P.m.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Brann present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Brann, Prof. W. H. Morse, Mr. L. A. Barber & R. B. Jack.

The minutes of March sixth were read & approved.

The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Huntington Co.	Feb. 27	—	3.63
" " "	Mar. 12	—	38.01
" " "	Mar. 23	—	5.63
Bank of the month - March	—		2.90
F. M. Dummell	Feb 2-20	—	21.60
	Mar 3	—	24.44
	Mar. 13	—	21.25
	Mar 30	—	20.02
		—	87.51
Denco	Mar. 22	—	53.50
Sullivan Drug Store	— 3.29		1.18
Randall - can of furnace	— April 1.		20.19
Mrs. Stanley Bell	42 hrs @ 70	—	29.40

Mr. Barber reported on repair of furnace also of needed repairs to building to keep it <sup>dry</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>safe</sup>.

Prof. Morse reported on conversation with Mrs. Bell about article in Press.

Prof. Morse & Mr. Jack reported on their call on Mr. & Mrs. Hallam.

The present financial situation was discussed.

The Secretary was asked to fill out the answers in a ~~Form~~ Questionnaire from the State Department of Education

Adjourned to meet May 1 at 2 P.m.

Robert Bonner Jack Sec.

April 22 1948 3 P.m.

The Trustees met at the Library present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Brann, Prof. Morse, Mr. L. A. Barber & R. B. Jack.

The Trustees consulted with Mr. Lawrence - a representative of the

Northfield Garden Club and Prof. Morse made the following motion which was seconded and unanimously adopted. "That the trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library accept with thanks the generous gift by the Garden Club of evergreens to decorate the lawn of the Library." adjourned. Robert Bormer Jack Sec.

May First 1948 2 P.M.

The trustees met at the home of Miss Broom present Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Miss Broom Prof. H. H. Morse + R. B. Jack

The minutes of April 3rd + 22nd were read and approved  
The following bills were ordered paid.

H. R. Hunting Co.	Mar. 31, 1948	88
" "	" 31 "	3.33
J. M. Dummell - oil.	April 20, 1948	24.70
Saylord Bros. Inc.	April 5, 1948	4.00
Tracy R. Durdick - Book	locked up April 23, 1948	6.50
Morgan's New Eng store	Mar 4, 1948	.39
W. D. Miller Toilet	April 15, 1948	1.50
L. A. Barber	May 1, 1948	3.98
L. A. Barber	May 1, 1948	3.00
Mrs. Stanley Bell	54 hrs @ 70	37.80

It was moved to sell paper magazines, piled in cellar  
Mr. Barber was asked to look after toilet room window  
adjourned to meet June 5th  
Robert Bormer Jack Sec.



June 5<sup>th</sup> 1948 2 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library present Miss Merriam, Mrs. Parker  
Prof H. H. Morse, Mr. L. A. Barber & R. B. Jack

The minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Huntington Co.	April 30, 1948	1.53
" "	May 17, 1948	3.10
" "	May 26, 1948	4.63
" "	May 28, 1948	4.36
Demo. Library Supplies	April 29, 1948	1.55
C. H. Demond & Co	May 31, 1948	1.10
Mrs. Stanley Bell	45 hrs @ .70	31.50
L. A. Barber	June 5, 1948	3.00

Mrs. Stanley Bell sent in her resignation to take effect June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Merriam was authorized to see Mr. Bell and to accept her resignation with regret also to secure Mrs. Puhl as her successor for the summer.

The financial status was examined and found to be satisfactory.

Adjourned to meet Monday July 12 at 2 P.M.

Robert Bomer Jack - Sec.

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1948 2 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library present Miss Merriam, Miss Brann,  
Prof H. H. Morse and R. B. Jack.

The minutes of June 5<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid

H. R. Huntington Co.	June 25 <sup>th</sup> 1948	8.08
" " "	June 14 <sup>th</sup> 1948	15.82
" " "	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1948	14.58

Books of the Month Club	June —	3.15-
Books of the Month Club	July —	4.15-
Aldrich's Store		.92
Mrs. Stanley Bell	21 hrs @ .70	14.70

It was moved and carried that  
Popular Science and Popular Mechanics be kept in  
the storage room.

It was moved by Prof. Morse seconded by Miss Brann  
that we thank Miss Daisy B. Tree for her offer  
of Omni Book but for purposes of our library we  
do not accept it.

Adjourned to meet Aug 2. at 2 P.M.

August 2, 1948. 2 P.M.

The Trustees met at the Library. Present,  
Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker,  
Mr. Morse.

Mr. Morse was elected secretary pro tem  
until a permanent secretary should be chosen.

The resignation of Doctor Jack as a mem-  
ber of the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson  
Memorial Library was accepted. It was voted  
to send to Doctor Jack a letter expressing our  
regret at his resignation and our appreci-  
ation of his faithful service on the  
Board for seven years during six of which  
he most efficiently filled the office of  
Secretary.



The minutes of July 12 were read and approved.

It was voted to pay Miss Lucy <sup>M.</sup>Eveleth \$130 for her services during the month of August, 1948

The following bills were ordered paid,-	
The H. R. Hunting Company, June 30, 1948	\$9.13
The C. H. Demond Company, July 31, 1948	1.10
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl, August 2, 1948	
18 hours work in June, 1948	12.60
51 hours work in July, 1948	35.70
	<hr/> 48.30
Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, July 7 - August 7, 1948	130.00

Voted that Mrs. Warren Randall be assistant to the Librarian from September 1, 1948.

Adjourned to meet Saturday, September 11, 1948 at 2 P.M.

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary pro tem.

The Trustees met in the Library September 11 with the following present

Miss Brahm  
Miss Merriman  
Mrs. Parker  
Mr. Barber

Mrs. Parker was voted Sec'y Pro Tem.

The following bills were approved

H. R. Hunting	\$ 25.91
H. R. Hunting	2.22
H. R. Hunting	4.35
H. R. Hunting	2.57
Book of the North Club	3.65
C. H. Clemond & Co.	.60
W. W. Miller	1.71
Northfield Water Co.	6.00
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl	60.20
Mr. Luman Barber	3.00

It was voted to accept some music books from Mrs. Frank Montague.

The Trustee vacancy was discussed and following this, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary G. Parker, Sec'y Pro Tem



Copy of Letter approved by the Trustees  
and sent to Doctor Robert Bonner Jack.

October 7, 1948.

Dear Doctor Jack,-

At a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library of Northfield, Massachusetts, held on August 2, 1948, Miss Ina B. Merriman, Chairman, Miss Mercy E. Brann, Mrs. Thomas Parker and Mr. Horace H. Morse, being present, it was voted to accept with regret your resignation from the Board. It was further voted that the Secretary hereafter should write to you a letter in appreciation of your service.

We are grateful to you for your faithfulness and efficiency during a period of seven years, for six of which you acted as Secretary. Your keen interest in everything which concerned the welfare of the Library went far beyond what is <sup>usually</sup> shown by a trustee of a public institution. Whenever you might be called upon, however unexpectedly, we could count on your hearty co-operation. You also did things yourself which you saw needed to be done but which no one else had noticed or cared to under-

take. Such interest and such work deserve more than passing recognition. At our meetings we shall miss you sadly, for we have leaned on your sound judgment and enjoyed your genial personality.

A copy of this letter is to be entered in the proceedings of the Board as a permanent record of your service and our appreciation.

For the Board.

Horace H. Morse,

Secretary pro tem.

Saturday, October 2, 1948.

The Trustees met at 2 P.M. at the home of Miss Brann with the following present, Miss Merri-  
man, Miss Brann, Mr. Barber and Mr. Morse.

Mr. Morse was elected secretary.

The minutes of the meetings of August 2 and of September 11 were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid,

The Henry Hunting Company

August 31, 1948	\$1.87
September 6, 1948	5.43
September 24, 1948	3.65
September 28, 1948	1.75



Mrs. Warren Randall October 1, 1948 \$35.70

Voted that the secretary write letters to Dr. Wesley M. Baldwin thanking him for his gift of a copy of Grays Anatomy.

Mrs. Eva Smart for her gift of portraits of Mr. Horace Holton and of Mrs. Polly Mickelson Holton.

Mr. Richard A. Hiller and Patrolman Cyrus MacQueen thanking them for their efficient services in detecting the culprits who broke into the library, September 12, 1948.

Voted that the two boys who broke in to the library, September 12, 1948 should not have the use of the library during their year of probation and that they should pay for the damage they had caused.

Voted that the secretary should notify the parents of the boys.

Voted that the secretary notify Mr. Richard M. Smith that the Board regrets it cannot accept his kind offer to present portraits to the library of Lydia K. Mason Allen and of Joseph Mason, children of Reverend Thomas Mason (1769-1851), pastor of the Northfield Church, 1799-1830 and also a portrait of David West Allen, husband of Lydia K. Mason, since the wall space of the library has been filled.

Adjourned to meet November 6.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Saturday, November 6, 1948.

The Trustees met at 2 P.M. at the home of Miss Brann.

Present, Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 2 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

The H. R. Hunting Company,

October 15, 1948 \$1.84

October 20, 1948 61.63

November 3, 1948 2.80.

The Book-of-the-Month Club,

October 3.62

October 3.40

B. R. Finch, November 4, 1948 13.50

J. S. Wesby & Sons, October 18, 1948 39.44

F. M. Dunnell, October 27, 1948 31.79

August 13, 1948 26.87

Aldrich's New England Store, November 6, 1948 1.50

Charles L. Johnson, October 6, 1948 4.77

Mrs. Warren Randall, November 1, 1948 29.40

The H. R. Hunting Company,

September 29, 1948 2.42

September 30, 1948 4.63

October 29, 1948 2.87.

Adjourned to meet December 4, 1948.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



Saturday, December 4, 1948.

The Trustees met at 2 P.M. at the home of Miss Brann.

Present, Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of November 6 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

The H. R. Hunting Company

November 10, 1948 \$2.99

November 12, 1948 29.99

November 22, 1948 16.99

November 23, 1948 4.55

November 29, 1948 6.61

F. M. Dunnell

November 18, 1948 17.96

December 3, 1948 18.62

Wenoco Library Supplies, November 22, 1948 10.30

Luman A. Barber, December 1, 1948 3.00

Mrs. Warren Randall, December 1, 1948 31.50

Voted that the Library heater be inspected and serviced.

Voted that the Library buy two <sup>swivel</sup> chairs at \$60.

Adjourned to meet January 8, 1949.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Saturday, December 18, 1948.

The trustees met at 2.10 P.M. at the home of Miss Brann.

Present, Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 4 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

B. H. Elmora & Co.	December 10, 1948	\$ 60.00
Tracy R. Burdick	December 10, 1948	18.62
B. H. Elmora & Co.	December 12, 1948	6.00
Warren Randall	December 13, 1948	5.50
The Librarian	December 14, 1948	5.00
American Library Association	December 14, 1948	5.00
H. W. Wilson Company	December 14, 1948	3.00
Mrs. Warren Randall	December 31, 1948	39.90

Voted not to subscribe to "Omnibook" after 1949.

Adjourned.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Saturday, December 30, 1948.

The trustees met at the home of Miss Brann at 3.10 P.M.

Present Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 18



were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

The H. R. Hunting Company

December 15, 1948 \$33.03

December 17, 1948 1.75

December 17, 1948 1.22

December 21, 1948 1.55

December 21, 1948 4.97

Barnett & Baker, December 28, 1948 38.12

F. M. Lunnell

December 17 22.16

December 29 26.40

Fiske & Stricker, December 27, 1948 95

Gayford Brothers, December 14, 1948 1.75

Voted to continue to buy fuel oil of  
F. M. Lunnell

Voted to ask for appropriation of \$2450.00  
for alterations and repairs in the Library  
building.

Voted to ask for the following articles  
in the town warrant,

To see if the Town will raise and ap-  
propriate the sum of \$3,675.00 for the  
operation of the Blackiston Memorial Library,  
this amount to include the fines collected  
and the dog tax, or act thereon.

To see if the Town will raise and ap-  
propriate the sum of \$2450.00 for repairs

and alterations in the Dickinson Memorial Library as follows: installation of new plumbing fixtures, additional shelving, improved lighting, and interior decorating on the main floor, or act thereon.

Voted that the Chairman of the Board set the value of the articles for the town account to the Librarian.

The budget was discussed and voted as follows:-

Books	\$400.00	Salaries	
Magazines	40.00	Librarian	1560.00
Rebinding	50.00	Janitor	420.00
Electricity	110.00	Assistant	413.70
Fuel oil	400.00	Librarian vacation	43.40
Library supplies and petty cash }	75.00	Librarian sick leave	21.70
Janitor supplies	10.00		
Water	12.00		
Maintenance and insurance }	100.00		

Voted to ask for \$3675.00.

Adjourned to meet February 5, 1947.

Harold H. Morse, Secretary.



Saturday, February 5, 1949.

The Trustees met at the home of Miss Thomas  
Present, Miss Maximian, Miss Branch, Mrs. Per-  
ker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson

The minutes of the meeting of December 20,  
1948 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

The H. B. Hunting Company

January 11, 1949	\$2.22
January 14, 1949	33.80
January 17, 1949	5.40
January 18, 1949	4.44
January 21, 1949	14.96
January 25, 1949	3.04
January 31, 1949	5.11

Wilcox & Fallett Company

January 3, 1949	11.86
January 14, 1949	.78

C. R. Finch

January 3, 1949, by check \$6.00

Popular Science Monthly 7.50

L. A. Barber, February 1, 1949, by check \$13.50

Mrs. Warren Russell 33.60

Discussed the Janitor's work.

Agreement to meet Saturday, March 5, 1949.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Saturday, March 5, 1949.

The trustees met at 2:10 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Brann. Present, Miss Moorman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. More, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 1949 were read and approved.

A note from Mrs. Phelps stated that 89 books were catalogued in February and that 7040 books were now finished.

Voted to engage Miss Eckleth to catalogue books for one month next summer at \$130 a month.

The following bills were approved,  
F. M. Linnell

January 12, 1949	\$ 22.04
January 25, 1949	22.78
February 3, 1949	20.50
February 12, 1949	19.07
Northfield Water Company, February 1, 1949	6.00
Wesby and Sons February 17, 1949	40.80
B. R. Finch American Home Magazine, 3 yrs March 2, 1949	5.00
Mrs. Marion Randall March 1, 1949	31.50

Voted that the Library do not take the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts.

Voted that the Librarian notify the public through the medium of The Northfield Press that the Library receives The Congressional Record.



Voted that Alfred Holton be told to begin work on the main room and the children's room at his figure of \$420.00.

Voted that after the interior lighting has been installed the exterior lighting be taken up.

Voted that if any money is left over extra electricity be put in after the radiators are moved.

Voted to have plans drawn up for constructing a permanent wall back of the Librarian's desk and to take action upon it when conditions permit.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday, April 2, 1949.

April 2, 1949.

The library trustees met at Miss Brann's. In the absence of our secretary, W. W. Sanderson was elected Secretary Pro Tem.

The following were present, Miss J. Merriman, Mrs. J. Parker, Miss M. Brann and W. W. Sanderson.

Bills were discussed as follows:

F. M. Dunnell	March 1, 1949	\$27.65
	March 12, 1949	21.24
	March 26, 1949	17.77
Dennice Library Supplies	March 7, 1949	53.30
The H. R. Hunting Company	March 10, 1949	9.01

The Bookstore	March 22, 1949	\$1.45
The Northfield Press	March 22, 1949	1.00
Mrs. Haven Randall	April 1, 1949	32.60
Cambridge University Press	April 1, 1949	22.40

Our librarian Mrs. Phelps was ill during the last week in March. Mrs. Randall substituted.

Miss Susan Evelette has accepted our invitation to help us in cataloguing our books this summer.

Mrs. Phelps reported 106 books catalogued in March bringing our total to 7157.

Voted to subscribe to the Northfield Press at the price of \$1.00.

The plumbing bids were discussed and it was decided to wait until our next meeting so that we might all vote on awarding of a contract.

We adjourned to the library to study our stack room lighting and other incidents.

It was decided to ask Mr. Alfred Hallgren to install the new stack room lights at his figure of \$180.00.

It was also decided to do away with a radiator immediately above the stack room which would eliminate interference of pipe connections interfering with



propose a new book shelf  
Respectfully submitted,

Saturday, May 7, 1949

The library trustees met at Miss Brand's  
Present, Miss Merriman, Miss Brand,  
Mr. Barker, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meetings of March 5  
and April 2, 1949 were read and approved.

Mrs. Phelps reported that 228 books had  
been catalogued in April and that the  
total now catalogued was 7370.

The following bills were approved, -

The H. R. Hunting Company	March 31, 1949	\$8.14
	April 8, 1949	4.38
	April 27, 1949	33.95
J. S. Wesby & Sons	April 6, 1949	16.36
C. H. Leonard Company,	April 30, 1949	5.95
Alfred E. Holton	April 2, 1949	420.00
Mrs. Warren Randall	April 30, 1949	23.10
Charles L. Johnson	May 7, 1949	7.50

Voted that Mr. W. H. Miller be awarded  
the contract for furnishing and installing  
the alterations in the steam-system of  
the library for \$738.

Voted that book-shelves be constructed

between the west window and south wall of the children's room leaving room for a steam pipe to the second floor.

It was proposed that Mr. Lewis construct a bulletin board on hinges in front of the new book-shelves. Discussion followed.

Adjourned to meet June 4, 1949.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary

Saturday, June 4, 1949.

The Board Trustees met at 2:25 P.M. at the home of Miss Brann. Present Miss Merriam, Miss Brann, Mr. Barber and Mrs. Morse. The minutes of the meeting of May 7 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

The H. A. Hunting Company

April 21, 1949 \$6.32

April 27, 1949 4.52

May 26, 1949 2.62

May 31, 1949 24.32

E. A. Smith, May 1, 1949 - May 31, 1949 5.50

Marchmont Laundry Store, May 12, 1949 1.02

B. M. Lunnell, April 20, 1949 21.45

Mr. Herman A. Barber, May 21, 1949 6.00

Mrs. Warren Randle, May 31, 1949 35.70

The new wiring done and feasibility of having children's room stairs.



Adjourned to meet July 9, 1949.  
 Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Saturday, July 9, 1949.

The library trustees met at 2.45 P.M.  
 at the home of Miss Brown. Present  
 Miss. Merriman, Miss Brown, Mr. Morse,  
 and Mr. Sanborn.

The minutes of meeting of June 1, 1949 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

The H. B. Hunting Company

June 13, 1949 \$1.92

June 22, 1949 27.02

F. M. Cunniff June 15, 1949 15.23

W. D. Miller July 1, 1949 738.00

Mr. Blankenship June 30, 1949 45.50

Voted to notify the Librarian and her  
 assistant to leave lights on after they  
 have been first connected.

Voted to award contract for redeco-  
 rating the first floor of the library except  
 the rear hall to Donald and William  
 Huber.

Adjourned to meet August 6, 1949.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Saturday, August 6, 1941

The Library Trustees met at the home of Miss Brann with the following present - Miss Brann, Miss Merrihan, Mr. Barber, and Mrs. Parker.

The motion was made and carried that Mrs. Parker act as Sec'y pro tem in absence of Mr. Morse.

The following bills were read and approved.

H. R. Hunting \$ 4.24

43.38

13.96

3.71

1.88

W. H. Miller 8.89

D. H. Hiley Co. 2.50

Miss Marion Henney 2.40

Miss Lucy Eveleth 130.00

Mrs. Warren Bondell 31.50

Iron of Northfield (Mater) 6.00

Discussions in regard to doing over the floors. It was voted to do them a later date.

Motion was made and seconded to decorate all down stairs in same color.

Motion was made and carried that the Chairman of Flower Committee of Congregational Church be asked to remove palms.

Motion was made and carried that Marion Henney be asked to dust books and



shelves in sick room if there are sufficient funds.

The motion was made and seconded that we accept with regret Miss Brann's resignation. The meeting was then adjourned.

Secretary Tho. Jen.

Saturday, September 3, 1949  
2.17 P.M.

The Library Board's meeting was comprised of the following. - Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Sanderson, and Miss Brann.

Q. R'd bills from following:

Alfred Holton	\$ 202.49
F. M. Dummell	135.00
Leavis & Bolton	37.65
Hunting Company	1.88
" "	20.02
" "	2.45 credit

American Girl & American Magazine	10.00
Fiske & Strecker	.98
Aldrich N. E. Store	.54
W. H. Miller	1.00
L. Barber	3.00
Mrs. Randall	46.90

36 hours regular, 31 hours 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Librarian's vacation.

Voted to use radiator covers in big room upper room and vestibule.

Discussed changing Mrs. Phelps evening work from three nights a week to two nights a week. Agreed to have Mrs. Phelps submit a plan of changing over to two nights for the Library Board to review with an eye to keeping our operating costs at the present figure, and also not to change our hours when we are open to the public.

As near as we can determine we have a balance of \$366.46 on hand this date from our special appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary pro tem.

Saturday, October 1, 1949.

The library trustees met at the home of Miss Brann at 2 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Miss Brann, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meetings of July 9 and of September 3, 1949 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Leavis and Bolton, August 3, 1949	\$ 2.00
The H.R. Hunting Company, September 20, 1949	3.50
Mrs. Warren Randall, September 30, 1949	33.60



Mrs. Phelps reported that 173 books had been catalogued in September and that the total number now catalogued was 8784.

The cost of fluorescent electric lights was discussed and Mr. Barber was asked to get figures upon it.

After a consideration of the library's financial condition and a discussion of the budget, it was decided that the present situation was sound.

It was voted to buy an outdoor mat, and Miss Merriman was authorized to get it.

Mr. Barber reported that he had cut the grass and brush in the rear of the library.

It was voted to ask Mrs. Reeves to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Bram from the Board.

At the suggestion of Mr. Sanderson, the matter of outside lights was discussed.

Adjourned to meet at the library, Wednesday, November 2, 1949 at 7.45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, November 2, 1949.

The Library Trustees met at 7.45 P.M.  
at the Dickinson Memorial Library.  
Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker,  
Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and  
Mr. Sanderson.

Mrs. Reeves was welcomed to membership.

The minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1949 were read and approved.

Miss Merriman reported on her search for a door-mat.

Leavis and Bolton are to be asked to look after the door-check.

The following bills were approved:

W. H. Miller, October 3, 1949 \$4.85

The H. B. Hunting Company, October 5, 1949 19.56

.. .. 11, .. 2.22

.. 31, .. 6.24

F. M. Dinnell, October 21, 1949	25.60
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Mrs. Warren Randall, October 31, 1949 31.50

Mr. Barber reported on the lighting. It was suggested that we watch the cost for the coming year.

Mr. Barber agreed to ask Mr. Warren Randall to have the boiler of the heater flushed.

Mr. Sanderson reported on the outside lighting and was asked to report



further.

It was voted to subscribe to the Atlantic Monthly for two years and to the following magazines for two years each

The National Geographic Magazine  
 The Omnibus Book  
 The A. L. A. Book List  
 Wilson's Readers' Periodical Guide.

It was voted to get a door-mat, bulletin-boards and for the janitor a broom and duster.

Miss Merriman was asked to look out for the door-mat and the broom and duster and to talk with Mr. Lewis about the bulletin-board.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 7, 1949 at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse.

Secretary.

Wednesday, December 7, 1949.

The Library Trustees met at 7.30 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of Novem-

The following bills were approved:-

The H. R. Hunting Company, November 7, 1949,	\$	22.73
" " " " " " " " 8, " "		11.14
" " " " " " " " 22, " "		11.16
" " " " " " " " 25, " "		26.67
F. M. Lunnell, November 10, 1949,		23.68
" " " " " " " " 29, " "		25.60
R. H. Brown & Co., " " 10, " "		5.85
G. R. Finch, " " 15, " "		7.90
Mrs. Warren Randall, " " 30, " "		33.60
Mr. Luman A. Barber, December 1, " "		3.00
Donco Library Supply " " " "		16.42
Leavis and Bolton " " " "		214.28
W. H. Miller " " " "		2.43

The following matters suggested by a letter from Mrs. Phelps, the librarian, were discussed, -

the question of a new children's encyclopedia, and it was a consensus that the encyclopedias in the market should be investigated;

the purchase of a map of Northfield  
was shelved;

the H. A. Manning Co. Directory (Greenfield, Turner's Falls, and Northfield) was ordered to be purchased by a motion made by Mr. Sanderson, and seconded by Mr. Barber and passed;



a telephone for the library, regarded as necessary, but to be taken up next year with the budget;

other matters also to wait and be considered with the budget.

When it was reported that a magazine-rack would cost \$280.00, no one was for the purchase.

Mr. Sanderson agreed to go to the Republican caucus scheduled for November 8 at 8 o'clock and nominate as members of the Board Mr. Luman A. Barber for three years and Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves for the unexpired term of Miss Brann.

Mr. Barber agreed to look out for graveling the front steps of the library.

Mr. W. W. Miller, it was reported, had not found out what the Library would get back on the old radiators.

Mr. Barber reported that the new light which had been placed on the front of the Library was sufficient to light the sidewalk as well as the steps. The bulb was a gift.

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mrs. Parker seconded, and the Board voted that Harris and Bolton make a bulletin-board

24"-40" with an oak-frame  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and two book-shelves. Mr. Sanderson is to see Leair and Bolton and get an estimate on the cost.

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mr. Morse seconded, and the Board passed a motion to get the desk-light fixed or purchase a new one. Mr. Barber agreed to see to it.

Mrs. Parker is to see Huber Brothers for an estimate on redecorating the wash-room.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded, and the Board passed a motion for the purchase of curtains for the down-stairs windows. Mr. Aubrey S. Gray of Greenfield was to be asked to make an estimate upon them.

Mr. Barber was to see about lumber for shelves in the basement.

Miss Merriman was to purchase a hammer for the janitor.

The Secretary was asked to write to the Massachusetts Library Commission for information about the salaries of librarians in small towns.

Adjourned to meet on Monday, December 19, at 7.30 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.

Wednesday, December 19, 1949.

The Library Trustees met at 7.35 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1949 were read and approved.

Mrs. Reeves moved, Mrs. Parker seconded, and a motion was passed that the bulletin-board should be 29 by 50 inches instead of 24 by 40 inches.

It was moved by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mrs. Parker, and a motion passed that on Christmas eve the library should be closed after 6 P.M.

The following bills were approved, -

The H. R. Hunting Company, December 6, 1949		\$ 9.89
" " " " " " " " " " " "	8, "	39.77
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " "	34.99
" H. W. Wilson " " " " " "	" 7, "	4.40
" American Library Association " " " " " "	" 13, "	5.00
Mrs. Warren Randall " " " " " "	" 19, "	37.80
Leavis and Bolton " " " " " "	" " "	161.54

It was moved by Mr. Morse, seconded

by Mr. Barber, and a motion passed that Donald Huber's bid of \$37.55 to re-decorate the washroom be accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mr. Barber, and a motion passed to buy the better grade curtains, and have Mr. Aubrey S. Gray of Greenfield arrange about them. Mrs. Reeves agreed to see Mr. Gray.

Mr. Barber agreed to get an estimate from Donald Huber about doing over the floors and to find out whether the estimate above included the toilet.

Mr. Barber agreed to look out for tile for drain.

As items for the budget the matters of the walk, having a circle for parking, a permanent door behind the librarian's desk, a telephone, and putting the furnace in shape were discussed.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Reeves and a motion passed to adjourn until 7.30 P.M. January 4, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.



Wednesday, January 4, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 7.30 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 19, 1949 were read and approved.

Miss Merriman reported on the matter of linoleum and Mr. Barber on that of the walk and of sanding and waxing the floors. The estimated cost of the linoleum would be \$140, of the walk \$500, and of fixing the floors \$225.

It was moved by Mr. Sanderson, seconded by Mr. Barber, and the motion passed that the present salary <sup>of the janitor</sup> stand.

It was agreed that the following items be recommended to the Finance Committee as articles in the Town Warrant, -

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,230.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dog tax, or act thereon.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for

the construction of a sidewalk to replace the present sidewalks at Dickinson Memorial Library, to purchase a catalogue case, to refinish floors, and to take care of other miscellaneous items at the Library, or act thereon.

The budget and various needs of the Library for the coming year were discussed.

The following bills were approved, -

J.M. Dunnell, December 8, 1949		\$24.19
" " " " 17, "		19.20
" " " " 29, "		25.60
H.R. Hunting Company, December 20, 1949		7.67
J.M. Dunnell	" 26, "	6.55
W.D. Miller	" 27, "	1.00
Librarian, petty cash	" " "	10.00
Gray's Drapery Shop	" " "	62.50
Barrett and Baker	" 30 "	40.36
" " "	" " "	3.82
C.H. Demond & Co.	" " "	4.35
Fiske and Strecher	" " "	.80

Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Parker seconded, and the motion was passed to adjourn until February 8, at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary,



Wednesday, February 8, 1950

The Library Trustees met at 7.45 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

Miss Merriman was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Mr. Morse was re-elected Secretary of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of January 4, 1950 were read and approved.

Mr. Sanderson reported on catalogue cases and is to look up the availability of some which the Northfield School for Girls is discarding.

Mrs. Reeves is to see what should be done in connection with the coming meeting of the Connecticut Valley Librarians Association.

The following bills were approved, -

The H.R. Hunting Company,	January 10, 1950	\$ 21.61
" " " " " "	" " " "	1.92
" " " " " "	" 11, "	18.92
C. R. Finch.	" 14. "	9.00
The Northfield Water Company,	February 1, "	6.00
Mrs. Warren Randall,	" 1, "	35.70
Barrett and Baker,	December 30, 1949	3.19
F. M. Wunnell.	January 12, 1950	24.19
" " "	" 24. "	25.60
" " "	February 3. "	20.61

Mrs. Phelps's increased salary to begin at once, February 1, 1950.

Mrs. Randall's four times a week including one night to begin February 14, 1950.

Mrs. Reeves to act in her place when she cannot come. It was suggested that when she cannot come, Mrs. Randall notify Mrs. Phelps by 9 A.M.

Miss Merriman is to ask Miss Eveleth to continue the cataloguing this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 9.07 P.M. to meet March 1, 1950 at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, March 1, 1950

The Library Trustees met at 7.40 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of February 8, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

The H. R. Hunting Company,	February 10, 1950	\$ 4.19
" " " "	" 24, "	22.03
Green & Company,	January 25, "	3.93
Domco Library Supplies	February 15, "	45.90
Mrs. Warren Randall	March 1, ..	33.90



Mr. Luman Barber, March 1, 1950 \$ 3.00

The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Mabel L. Merriman in appreciation of the gift to the Library in the will of Mrs. Frank H. Montague.

Miss Merriman agreed to look up the cost of markers for pictures.

Miss Merriman reported that Mr. Sanderson told her that the Northfield School for Girls was discarding certain library catalogue cabinets and that the Dickinson Memorial Library could have them. They have fifteen drawers less than the new cases being considered and changes in them cannot be made for an expense less than \$100.

It was decided to look over the cases Saturday, March 4 in the basement of the Music Hall of the Northfield School for Girls.

After the library floors are done, the Connecticut Valley Librarians Association is to be invited to meet here.

Miss Merriman agreed to consult Davis and Bolton about the price on new screens.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday, March 4, 1950 at 2 P.M. at

Music Hall, the Northfield School for Girls.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.

Saturday, March 11, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 2 P.M. in Music Hall of the Northfield School for Girls. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Morse.

After examination of the library catalogue cases which the Northfield School for Girls offered to the Dickinson Memorial Library, Mrs. Reeves moved, Mrs. Parker seconded the motion, and it was voted to send immediately for the new sixty-tray cabinet the Trustees had been considering.

Mrs. Parker moved, Mrs. Reeves seconded the motion, and it was passed that Mr. Donald H. Huber be asked to do over the floors of the Library downstairs. Mrs. Parker agreed to find out when the work could be done.

Miss Merriman found out that new screens would probably cost \$10 a piece. The old screens are going to pieces, and three need to be replaced.

Mrs. Reeves agreed to look up the



matter of encyclopedias and of a telephone for the Library.

The following bills were approved:-

F.M. Munnell	February 11, 1950.	\$ 19.20
" "	" 22, 1950,	23.42
" "	" 23, " ,	35.40
Tracy R. Burdick,	March 1, " .	8.50
Demco Library Supplies	" " ,	1.55

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, April 5, 1950.

The Library Trustees met in the Dickinson Memorial Library at 7.30 P.M. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meetings of March 1 and of March 11, 1950 were read and approved.

Mrs. Reeves moved, and Mr. Barber seconded the motion, and it was passed that Mrs. Phelps invite the Connecticut Valley Library Association to meet at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Mrs. Reeves moved, Mr. Barber seconded the motion, and it was carried to have the fire-extinguisher renewed.

The following bills were approved,-

J.M. Lunnell, March 3, 1950,	\$	25.60
" " " " 14, "		24.80
" " " " 31, "		11.90
The H.R. Hunting Company, March 14, 1950		24.81
" " " " " 22, "		19.11
" " " " " 23, "		2.75
" " " " " 27, "		2.10
" " " " " 30, "		16.30
Wemco Library Supplies " 16, "		3.60
Aldrich's New England Store " 21, "		.92
" " " " " 24, "		.15
Gaylord Bros. Inc. (Catalogue Cabinet) " 21, "		485.00
H.A. Manning Company " 22, "		8.50
B.H. Leonard & Company " 31, "		17.50
W.W. Miller, April 1, "		5.79
Mrs. Warren Randall " " "		60.20
Wemco Library Supplies " 3, "		3.60

Mrs. Phelps reported that 105 books had been catalogued in March and that the cards were all in the cabinet.

Miss Merriman reported that Mrs. Montague's bequest had been put into a United States bond.

Miss Merriman will look out for having the second floor cleaned. She reported that three big screens would cost \$30.

Mr. Sanderson was to talk with



Mr. Birdsall about a new flag.

It was voted to pay Miss Eveleth \$130 for her work in the summer.

Mr. Sanderson was to inquire about installing a telephone.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, May 3, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 7.40 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of April 5, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

F.M. Lunnell,	April 7, 1950	23.80
" " "	" 29, "	23.80
The H.R. Hunting Company	" 10, "	2.01
" " "	" " "	3.19
The Davis Linoleum Shop	" 13, "	170.00
" " "	" " "	3.50
Huber Brothers	" 24, "	227.90
Mrs. Warren Randall,	" 29, "	40.25
Leavis and Bolton	May 1, "	29.60
W. W. Miller	" " "	1.55

Mr. Sanderson reported that the cost of a

flag varied from \$10 to \$20. He also reported on the matter of the telephone.

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mr. Morse seconded, and it was voted to install a two-party line in the library. Mr. Sanderson was to take it up with the company.

Mrs. Parker moved, Mrs. Reeves seconded, and it was voted to purchase 2000 book-plates.

Mrs. Reeves reported that the Connecticut Library Association had accepted our invitation to meet here on May 25, 1950.

Mrs. Parker was to find out whether or not Marion Kenney could clean the second floor. She was also to see Mr. Anderson about cleaning in the rear of the library. Mrs. Reeves moved, Mr. Morse seconded, and it was voted to have Mr. Anderson do it, if he could.

The cost of the Grolier Encyclopedia would be \$89.50, but with allowances might be as low as \$.

Adjourned at 9.15 P.M. to meet June 7, 1950

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse.

Secretary.



Wednesday, June 7, 1950

The Library Trustees met at 7.40 P.M.  
at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Present; Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker,  
Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and  
Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of May  
3, 1950 were read and approved.

Mrs. Reeves reported on the very  
successful entertainment of the Conne-  
cticut Valley Library Association on May  
25, 1950 at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Parker seconded,  
and it was voted to have Lewis  
and Bolton look after the checks on  
the doors when the doors are  
changed for the summer or winter  
seasons.

It was suggested that copies of  
current magazines be let out for  
only a week at a time.

The following bills were approved,-

Robert W. Sull	May 1, 1950	\$ 1.00
Ideas-Plus Ink (Tracy R. Burdick)	.. ..	7.50
Aldrich's New England Store	.. 6, ..	.25
The H.R. Hunting Company	.. 8. ..	18.26
.. .. ..	.. 26, ..	2.22
.. .. ..	June. 6, ..	38.34
Elton B. Kinsman	May. 12, ..	2.50

W.W. Miller,	May 13, 1950	\$ .56
Luman A. Barber,	" 31, "	3.00
Mrs. Marion Kinney,	" " "	2.40
Mrs. Warren Randall,	" " "	53.20
Mrs. Fred Stone	" " "	9.30

Adjourned at 9.35 P.M. to meet July 5, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, July 5, 1950

The Library Trustees met at 7.45 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of June 7, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	June 15, 1950	\$ 5.80
Norman Alexander Hall	" 17, "	9.00
J. S. Wesby & Sons	" 21, "	55.89
" " " "	" 28, "	1.45
Library Book House	" 26, "	36.69
The H. R. Hunting Company	" 28, "	6.02
Mrs. Warren Randall	" 30, "	53.20
F. M. Durnell	July 1, "	27.06

Miss Merriman will look up a frame for the picture of Northfield Main Street which Gordon Moody gave the Library.

Duplicates of sets of books should be



sold.

Mrs. Warren Randall gave notice of her retirement, and suggestions were made as to a possible successor.

Adjourned at 9 P.M. to meet Monday, July 31, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Monday, July 31, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 7.30 P.M. at the Wilkinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of July 5, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

B. H. Demond & Company,	July 13, 1950	\$ 1.10
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	4.31
Mrs. Warren Randall,	.. 31, ..	47.60
Miss Lucy M. Eveleth,	.. ..	130.00
Leavis and Bolton.	August 1, ..	6.00

Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Parker seconded the motion that an attempt should be made to sell discarded books. Passed.

The question of getting the World Book was discussed.

Miss Merriman reported in detail

upon expenditures thus far in relation to the budget.

Mr. Morse moved and Mrs. Reeves seconded the motion that Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl be asked to take Mrs. Randall's place. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.45 P.M. to meet September 6, 1950 at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday evening, September 6, 1950

No minutes were read because of absence of Prof. H. Morse.

Present for meeting: Chairman J. Merri-  
man, Mrs. J. Parker, Mrs. Reeves,  
Mr. L. Barber, and W.W. Sanderson.

Bills received:

Library Book House,	\$ 32.11
J. S. Wesby & Sons,	15.90
B. L. Johnson,	3.50
Northfield Water Company,	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	4.31
Mrs. W. Randall	78.40

Miss Merri-  
man reported that our bud-  
get was working out very well and  
would allow us to do a few incidentals.



Have a look at brush on north side of Library and then receive report from committee.

Voted to see W.H. Miller and obtain oil barrel for incinerator.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Pro Tem.

Wednesday, October 4, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 7.30 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of September 6, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

Library Book House, September 13, 1950,	\$	8.87
" " " " " 18, "		20.48
The H.R. Hunting Company, " 19, "		7.26
F.M. Hunnell, " 23, "		
" " " " " 25, "		25.80
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., " 15, "		
National Geographic Magazine October " "		4.25
Mrs. Hesser C. Kuhl September 30, " "		53.20

It was felt still that discarded books should be sold. The old books should be looked over.

The prices on markers have not yet

been obtained. Miss Merriman and Mrs. Parker think that about twenty are needed on the pictures. Some might be printed or written on the pictures.

Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Parker seconded a motion that the Library should subscribe to the Young People's Division of the Houghton & Company Literary Guild. Passed.

In a discussion of the budget, it was concluded that expenditures might exceed the appropriation by \$50.

Among things to be done, window-locks, screens, and refinishing tables were mentioned.

The difficulty in getting books promptly from the Hunting Company was discussed. The meeting was adjourned to meet at 7.30 P.M., Wednesday, November 1, 1950.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse,

Secretary.

Wednesday, November 1, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 7.40 P.M. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barker, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of July 31, 1950 and of October



4, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved.

The Library Book House, October 8, 1950	\$	6.58
" " " " " " " "	10, "	3.40
The H. R. Hunting Company	" " "	15.10
" " " " " " " "	26, "	1.88
The New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	15, "	4.31
Doubleday & Company,	17, "	18.00
Mary Earle Gould,	23, "	4.60
Fiske and Strecker,	24, "	.98
F. M. Dunnell,	27, "	26.80
C. H. Demond & Co.,	31, "	29.30
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl,	" " "	49.00
Aldrich's New England Store, November 1,	" "	.50
C. R. Finch	" " "	17.00

It was suggested that the Seaman's Friends Society be asked whether or not they could use some of our discarded books.

The question was discussed as to buying 25¢ editions of some kinds of books.

A motion was passed to buy the Standard Catalogue for Public Libraries published by Wilson & Co.

Mrs. Reeves will get the price on the World Book Encyclopedia.

Mr. Barber and Mr. Sanderson will look up oil barrels.

Discussion upon the walk in front of the Library and of the care of the grounds.

The map, price \$20. will have to be paid for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.13 P.M. to meet at 7.30 P.M. Wednesday, December 6, 1951.

Respectfully submitted.  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, December 6, 1950.

The Library Trustees met at 7.46 P.M. in the Dickinson Memorial Library. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of November, 1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

W. D. Miller,	November 1, 1950	\$	1.84
J. S. Wesby & Sons,	" 2, "		20.38
The H. R. Hunting Co.,	" 3, "		2.79
American Library Association,	" 7, "		5.00
Barrett & Baker,	" 9, "		1.50
Library Book House,	" .., "		55.91
" " " ,	" 28, "		4.90
" " " ,	" " "		14.67
Doubleday & Company,	" 15, "		4.20
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	" " "		8.62
The H. W. Wilson Co.	" 17, "		16.00
" " " " "	" 20, "		4.40



F.M. Dunnell,	November 22, 1950	\$ 32.50
" " " "	December 4, "	5.85
Thomas Book Company,	November 24, "	12.21
G.H. Demond & Co.,	" 30, "	1.10
Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves,	" " "	2.10
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl,	" " "	53.20
Mr. Luman A. Barber,	December 1, "	1.50
Leavis & Bolton,	" " "	1.00

Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Parker seconded a motion which was passed to purchase the World Book Encyclopedia in the \$107.36 edition.

The Librarian reported that 75 books were catalogued in November.

The possibility of obtaining an adequate walk in front of the Library with proper lighting was discussed.

The meeting adjourned to 7.30 P.M. on January 3, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, January 3, 1951.

The Library Trustees met at 7.47 P.M. in the Hickinson Memorial Library. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 6,

1950 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,  
Library Book House, December 6, 1950 \$ 6.62

"	"	"	"	18,	"	34.31
F. M. Munnell,	"	"	"	8,	"	30.95
"	"	"	"	23,	"	31.35
Field Enterprises,	"	"	"	11,	"	107.36
The H. R. Hunting Company,	"	"	"	14,	"	4.06
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	"	"	"	15,	"	4.31
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl,	"	"	"	30,	"	53.20

Mr. Barber reported on his talk with Mr. Yarnac about the walk.

There was a discussion on the lights which would be best in front of the Library.

Miss Merriman presented a list of things which might be done next year. Mrs. Reeves agreed to inquire about a map. The budget for next year was discussed.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the Librarian's salary should be at the rate of 45 cents per hour and the assistants at the rate of 75 cents per hour.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Reeves seconded a motion which was passed that the janitor's salary should remain as it is.

Mrs. Reeves moved, Mr. Sanderson and



Mrs. Parker seconded a motion which was passed to ask the town for a budget for the Library of \$4500.

Mr. Barber was to see whether or not something could be done about the walk in front of the Library.

The meeting adjourned about 9.45 P.M. to February 7, 1951 at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, February 7, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.40 P.M. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Reeves and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of January 3, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Acme Chemical Company, January 1, 1951	\$	22.30
Library Book House, .. 2, ..		1.87
" .. .. 9, ..		10.05
" .. .. 17, ..		15.02
" .. .. 30, ..		61.23
F. M. Blunnell, .. 13, ..		26.39
" .. .. 4, ..		26.80
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., .. 15, ..		4.31
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl, .. 31, ..		56.00
Northfield Water Company, February 1, ..		6.00
W. H. Miller .. 2, ..		3.15

On the question of information for the newspapers it was felt that the approval of the Trustees should be obtained before publication.

In a discussion of things which should be done, it was felt that the floors, tables, and cleaning up around the building should be attended to as soon as possible and that Miss Eveleth should be asked to return for next summer. Only one shelf should be put in the basement. Lewis and Bolton should put on the markers for the pictures, new screens, chairs, outside lights, and the wood work on the porch can wait. It was questioned whether or not we could get window-fasteners. The matter of cleaning the needle point picture was discussed.

Adjournment at 9.10 P.M. to meet Wednesday, March 7, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, March 7, 1951.

The trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the library at 7.45 P.M. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.



The minutes of the meeting of February 7, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Barrett & Baker,	January 5, 1951	\$ 2.97
" " "	" " "	2.85
F.M. Blunnell,	February 3, ..	25.59
" " " "	" 10, ..	19.29
" " " "	" 23, ..	26.80
" " " "	January 25, ..	26.03
New England Id & Id. Co.,	February 15, ..	4.31
Hemco Library Supplies,	" 19, ..	56.10
Library Book House,	" 20, ..	22.42
Mrs. Wesser & Ruhl,	" 28, ..	44.80
W.H. Miller,	March 1, ..	2.93

Miss Merriman was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board for 1951-52.

It was reported Elton Huber said the floors did not need fillers but should be scrubbed with Spick and Span, steel-wool, and thinner wax.

Miss Merriman reported that the J.H. Miller Company of Springfield, Mass. would be the ones to inquire about our needle-point picture, and the Secretary was asked to get in touch with them.

It was voted to ask Miss Eveleth to come next summer to work on the catalogue.

Miss Merriman was to find out

whether or not magazines could be renewed now.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded, and the motion was passed approving the rate of 93 cents per hour for the Librarian's salary.

Mr. Sanderson moved, and Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was passed that the Chairman should confer with the Librarian about a list of things which she thinks the janitor should do and that it should be turned over to the Trustees to supplement or amend.

Adjourned to meet April 4, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, April 4, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.40 P.M. Present: Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1951 were read and approved. +

The following bills were approved, -

The Bookstore,	March 5, 1951.	\$ 2.75
Library Book House,	" 9, "	4.36
" " "	" 15, "	2.22



New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	March 15, 1951,	\$ 4.31
Jean Karr & Company,	" 16, "	1.92
Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl,	April 1, "	56.25
C. R. Finch,	" 2, "	8.20
W. H. Miller,	" " "	7.18

The duties of the janitor were discussed.

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mr. Barber seconded, and the motion was passed that Mrs. Fred Huber be asked to take the place of Mrs. Ruhl, who is retiring.

Mrs. Reeves moved, Mrs. Parker seconded, and the motion was passed to send discarded detective stories to the Northfield Farms Library.

The Secretary was asked to look up in the minutes the matter of insurance.

The Secretary was to find out if any thing could be done about the needle-point picture and about cleaning the picture of Elijah M. Dickinson.

Adjourned at 9.08 P.M. to meet May 7, 1951.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Monday, May 7, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.45 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and

Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

F. M. Durnell,	March 7, 1951,	\$ 22.78
" " "	" 23, "	29.49
" " "	April 19, "	33.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.31
Library Book House,	" 16, "	33.41
Jean Karr & Company,	" " "	8.50
Ideas & Ink (Tracy R. Burdick),	" " "	6.50
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" 26 "	39.38
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	" 30 "	14.63
Mrs. Hesser G. Ruhl,	" " "	21.75

Mr. Barber agreed to look up the arrangement the town has made in regard to the insurance on the Library.

Mr. Melvin Miller is to be asked to take away the rubbish and clean up generally about the grounds.

Mrs. Reeves agreed to look up the matter of a rug.

Adjourned at 9.08 P.M. to meet on Wednesday, June 6, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.



Wednesday, June 6, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.40 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of May 7, 1951 were read and approved.

Mr. Barber reported on the drain.

The cost of the flag would be \$12 or \$13. It was voted to take it.

The new sidewalk was considered a great improvement.

The cleaning up which has been done around the building was discussed.

Miss Merriman reported on the cost of restoring the needle-work picture as estimated by Mr. J. H. Miller. It was so high as to be prohibitive. Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Reeves seconded, and a motion was passed to have the picture taken to Greenfield to see if sufficient repairs at a reasonable cost could not be made. Mr. Barber offered to see to it.

The following bills were approved, -

The College Bindery,	April 30, 1951	\$ 40.56
Library Book House,	May 3, ..	24.77
Melvin L. Miller,	" 10, ..	25.90
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	" 15, ..	4.31
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" 31, ..	60.00
Leavis and Bolton	June 1, ..	8.45

Mrs. Reeves found that a suitable rug would cost \$9.95 instead of something over \$6. She was authorized to purchase one at the higher price, if she could find one she considered satisfactory.

Mr. Morse moved and Mrs. Parker seconded a motion which was passed to have the screen door fixed.

The Salvation Army Camp is to be asked if it cares to have any books which the Library discards.

Mr. Frederick Alexander says the Library may dispose any way it pleases of the books he donates.

The meeting adjourned at 8.33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Monday, July 2, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.40 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 1951 were read and approved.

The flag Mrs. Reeves bought was accepted and the rug was pronounced excellent.



The following bills were approved,-

Library Book House,	June 6, 1951	\$ 1.92
American Book Company,	.. 8, ..	17.20
" " "	.. 13, ..	3.29
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	4.75
Nathaniel Hame & Co.,	.. 16, ..	10.00
J. S. Wesby & Sons Inc.,	.. 18, ..	29.79
O. V. Stamp & Book-plate Remover,	.. 19, ..	2.50
G. H. Desmond & Co.,	.. 21, ..	12.60
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. 30, ..	54.00

Mr. Sanderson moved, and Mrs. Parker seconded a motion which was passed that the flag should be displayed on holidays and on special occasions instead of every day. and that the janitor should put it up.

Mr. Barber to investigate the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company's bill.

Mr. Sanderson moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was carried that the Library adopt a form for the receipt of a deposit which shall be made by all persons using the Library who are not residents of the town, said deposit to be redeemed by December 31 of each year, or money not redeemed by the above date will become the property of the Library.

Mr. Everett Hoolittle is to be asked to mow the grass around the Library.

Mr. Barber will look after the Library property over the Fourth of July.

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 P.M. to meet on Wednesday, August 1, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, August 1, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.40 P.M. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of July 2, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

F. M. Lunnell,	June 16, 1951, \$	32.50
H. W. Wilson Company,	July 11, "	5.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.89
Library Book House,	" 18, "	36.56
Mrs. Fred G. Huber,	" 31, "	41.63
Mrs. Joseph Reeves,	" " "	6.00

Mrs. Parker moved, and Mrs. Reeves seconded a motion that was passed to have Mr. Henry Johnson put the name of the Library on the mail box.

Mrs. Phelps reported that there was an increase of 187 in the circulation of July 1951 over that of July 1950 and an increase



of 77 for June 1951 over that of June 1950.

Mr. Morse moved and Mrs. Parker seconded a motion that was passed that Miss Eveleth be paid \$150.

It was agreed that discarded books should go to the Salvation Army Camp.

Mr. Morse moved, and Mrs. Parker seconded a motion which was passed to permit the Flower Show placard to be posted in the library.

Adjourned at 8.20 P.M. to meet on Wednesday, September 5, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, September 5, 1951.

Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Reeves present and later Mr. Sanderson joined the meeting.

Mr. Barber agreed to investigate the telephone tax of \$.64, and it was decided not to pay the bill this month.

Bills voted paid on:-

Library Book House,	August 27,	\$	4.71
Northfield Water Co.,	" 1,		6.00
G. R. Finch,	" 13,		3.00
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" 31,		54.75
Library Book House	" 8,		21.90

It was decided to wait for more information on the St. Nicholas Magazine before giving a reply to Miss Erb. The door-knob will be before too long.

Mr. Barber was to ask Kunnell to come and give the oil burner the fall cleanup.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary pro tem.

Wednesday, October 3, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the library at 7.45 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of September 5, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

B. H. Leonard & Company,	August 31, 1951,	\$12.00
Library Book House,	September 4,	5.24
" " " " " "	" 25, "	32.14
" " " " " "	" " " "	4.55
Wemco Library Supplies,	" 5, "	2.40
Doubleday & Company,	" 12, "	18.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	9.14
H. R. Hunting Company,	" 25, "	19.28
Mrs. Fred Huber	" 24, "	51.00



Mrs. Joseph Reeves September 29, 1951, \$ 3.00  
 W. L. Miller, October 1, .. 3.25.

Mr. Morse moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the numbers of St. Nicholas which Mrs. Erb gave to the Library be returned.

Mr. Morse moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the money on deposits made by visitors since 1948 be used by the Library.

Mrs. Parker moved, and Mrs. Reeves seconded a motion which was passed that the Library subscribe to Parents' Magazine and to Children's Digest.

The meeting adjourned to meet November 7, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.

Wednesday, November 7, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.35 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meetings of August 1, 1951 and of October 3, 1951 were read and approved.

The trees in front of the library on the highway land are taken care of by the State. Mr. Sanderson has had a tree on the grounds cut down.

Mr. Morse moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the picture of Elijah M. Dickinson be taken to Greenfield for such repairs as seem necessary.

The following bills were approved,-

Library Book House,	September 21, 1957,	\$ 2.22
" " " "	November 2,	56.32
J. M. Dunnell,	October 1,	31.49
" " " "	November 3,	25.72
National Geographic Magazine,	October 10,	6.00
H. W. Wilson Company,	" 12,	4.40
Nathaniel Blane & Company,	" " "	10.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15,	4.25
The H. R. Hunting Company,	" 18,	16.59
" " " "	" 29,	9.94
B. R. Finch,	" 20,	5.00
J. S. Wesby & Sons Inc.,	" 22,	3.22
" " " "	November 5,	16.85
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	October 29,	3.89
Fiske & Strecker,	" 31,	1.18
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" " "	50.25
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	" " "	6.75
Tracy R. Burdick,	November 1,	8.50
Lewis & Bolton,	" " "	11.95



Hemco Library Supplies, November 2, 1951, \$ 2.77  
Credit

Library Book House, October 19, 1951. 4.20  
 .. .. . 30, .. 4.20

Mr. Barber agreed to get an estimate on fixing the floor.

Miss Merriman agreed to find out from Mr. Lewis the cost of a book-case to go under the portraits of Job and Electa Dickinson.

The meeting adjourned to meet on December 12, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,

Secretary.

Wednesday, December 12, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.30 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of November 7, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

J. M. Lunnell,	September 29, 1951,	\$ 8.75
.. .. .	November 20, ..	34.30
.. .. .	.. 29, ..	18.56
Library Book House,	October 18, ..	24.61
.. .. .	November 30, ..	29.81

The Union Library Association, November 13, 1951, \$	2.89
Barrett & Baker, .. 15, ..	1.20
New England Tel. Tel. Co. .. ..	4.25
The H. R. Hunting Leo. .. 23, ..	8.17
.. .. .. 28, ..	2.22
Mrs. Fred Huber, .. 30, ..	51.00
Mrs. Louise Reeves, .. ..	6.00

Mr. Sanderson agreed to get the Boy Scouts to make wreaths for the library.

Mr. Barber reported that cleaning the floor would cost between \$50 and \$60. The Town Hall floor so treated has worn well. Edward Bolton does it. It has to be done once a year.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was carried not to sell the old books in the room up-stairs.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was carried to ask for a budget of \$4600 for the year, 1952.

To have shelves placed under the portraits of Job and Electa Dickinson and to have additional shelves in the magazine room down stairs seems to be urgent.

The meeting adjourned at 9.50 P.M. to meet at the library at 8 P.M. December 22, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.



Saturday, December 22, 1951.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 8.19 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 12, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,-

The American Library Association, December 6, 1951,	\$	5.00
Library Book House,	.. 7, ..	4.31
" " " "	.. 11, ..	4.55
" " " "	.. 12, ..	2.05
The Northfield School for Girls,	.. 10, ..	3.53
Leavis and Bolton,	.. 20, ..	280.00
G. H. Demond & Co.,	.. 21, ..	25.00
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. 22, ..	48.00

The meeting adjourned at 9.35 P.M. to meet on January 2, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Since the amount of business was very slight, no meeting was held in January, 1952.

Wednesday, February 6, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.45 P.M. Present, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr.

Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

Mrs. Reeves was elected chairman for the rest of the year.

The minutes of the meeting of December 22, 1951 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Doubleday & Co. Inc.,	January 2, 1952.	\$ 9.00
G. R. Finch,	.. 10, ..	21.00
Jean Karr & Company,	.. 12, ..	9.44
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	4.25
Library Book House,	.. 17, ..	4.36
" " " ,	February 1, ..	43.25
Aldrich's N. E. Store,	.. .., ..	2.46
Mrs. Hesser G. Ruhl,	.. .., ..	1.68
.. Frederick Huber,	.. .., ..	53.25
.. Louise Reeves,	.. .., ..	11.43
Northfield Water Co.	.. 4, ..	6.00

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was carried to continue the Children's Story Hour.

Mrs. Phelps is to be asked to make a list of holidays.

Mrs. Reeves is to ask Mr. Johnson to renew the fire-extinguishers.

The floors are to be done over during the school vacation. April 18-28.

Mr. Abbey should be asked to meet with us a week before the next meeting.

Correction, - the Secretary is to notify Mr.



Abbey a week before the next meeting to meet with the Trustees to talk over problems in regard to the care of the library building. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 P.M. to meet on March 5, 1952.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, March 5, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the library at 7:48 P.M. Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 6, 1952 were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Abbey to meet with the Trustees on April 2, 1952 at 8.30 P.M.

Mr. Barber reported on his talk with Edward Bolton on the method of cleaning the floors at the Town Hall. He will get Mr. Bolton to find out how much Polaroak will be needed.

Mrs. Phelps to be asked to give Mr. Abbey a list of the holidays on which the flag is to be displayed.

Mr. Barber and Mrs. Reeves will talk with Mr. Abbey on the care of the floor.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was carried to allow Mrs. Phelps to have the services of a high school girl at 50 cents an hour for Saturday afternoons to the end of the present school year.

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was carried to change the salary of Mrs. Phelps to \$154 a month beginning March 1, 1952.

The following bills were approved, -

F. M. Whinnell,	February 8, 1952,	\$67.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.52
Hemco Library Supplies,	" 21, "	25.70
Library Book House,	" .., "	19.10
W. W. Miller,	March 1, "	4.82
Mrs. Frederick Huber,	" 5, "	

Mrs. Reeves is to see that a pen for the clerk is obtained. She is also to have 500 envelopes printed by Mr. J. R. Burdick, Greenfield.

Miss Merriman is to see the Hemond people about smoothing out the deed of gift of the library building.

Mr. Barber has done over the lettering of the memorial tablet.

The meeting adjourned at 9.08 to meet April 2, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.



Wednesday, April 2, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.35 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of March 5, 1952 were read and approved.

It was reported that Nancy Sechrist is the high-school girl whom Mrs. Phelps has taken as Saturday-afternoon assistant.

Mr. Barber reported that the Holarock and a gallon of New-floer have been ordered and that the floor will be done over.

Mrs. Phelps is to send accounts of the work of the Library to the papers.

Mr. Sanderson will see to the trimming of the shrubs.

The following bills were approved.

Field Enterprises,	January 21, 1952, \$	3.75
F.M. Kinnell,	March 4, ..	79.60
The H.W. Wilson Company,	.. 5, ..	5.00
Demco Library Supplies,	.. 6, ..	3.25
Library Book House,	.. 7, ..	18.59
" " "	.. 17, ..	6.30
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	.. 15, ..	4.25
Aldrich's New England Store,	April 1, ..	1.11
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. 2, ..	54.00
" Louise Reeves,	.. ..	2.50
Nancy Sechrist,	.. ..	2.00.

The rest of the meeting was taken up by a conference with Mr. Abbey, the janitor, over the problems arising in the care of the building and the grounds.

The meeting adjourned at 9.04 P.M. to meet on May 7, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, May 7, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.46 P.M. Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of April 2, 1952 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Norman Alexander Hall,	April 1, 1952,	\$1.25
Library Book House,	" " "	38.26
" " " "	" 14, "	2.10
" " " "	" 21, "	2.22
" " " "	" 30, "	28.44
DuPont's Express,	" 8, "	.65
National Stationers,	" 4, "	3.51
Aldrich's New England Store,	" 9, "	.82
" " " "	" 25, "	.16
C. W. Hodge Company,	" 10, "	33.70
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.25



Mrs. Fred Huber,	May 7, 1952	\$ 52.50
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	" " "	6.00
Miss Nancy Sechrist,	" " "	3.00

It was reported that Mr. Hallam intends to present a statuette to the library.

Mr. Sanderson has trimmed the shrubs and Mr. Barber has used the power-mower on the grass in the rear of the library.

A preliminary list of the duties of the janitor was made out subject to corrections and additions which Mr. Barber and Mr. Sanderson might suggest.

Mr. Mason has volunteered to fix the clock.

The meeting adjourned at 9.25 P.M. to meet on June 4, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.

Wednesday, June 4, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 7.45 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of May 7, 1952 were read and approved.

A check of \$4.50 from the employees of the Minshall-Estey Organ, Inc. was received in memory of Waldo Stebbins, an original employee of the company. An accompanying letter suggested that the Library purchase some worthwhile book with the proceeds.

The following bills were approved,-

J. S. Wesby & Sons, Inc.,	April 23, 1952,	\$ 34.41
Library Book House,	May 8, ..	2.10
.. .. .,	.. 15, ..	13.69
.. .. .,	.. 22, ..	3.52
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	4.25
W. H. Miller,	.. 22, ..	3.95
Franklin County Lumber Co.,	.. 29, ..	12.76
Fiske & Strecker,	.. 31, ..	1.18
Tracy R. Burdick,	June 1, ..	3.75
Luman A. Barber,	.. 4, ..	3.88
Edward C. Bolton,	.. .. .	67.00
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. .. .	57.00
Miss Pearl Barber,	.. .. .	1.00
Miss Nancy Sechrist,	.. .. .	4.00

The portrait of Elijah M. Dickinson, recently cleaned, has returned to its place in the reading-room and is most satisfactory.

The charming statuette, "Don't Touch Me," the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Hullam has been placed in the children's room and adds much to its attractiveness.



The meeting adjourned at 9.40 P.M. to meet on July 2, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, July 2, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.35 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of June 4, 1952 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Leavis and Bolton,	June 1, 1952,	\$ 4.82
Wemco Library Supplies,	.. 2. ..	10.52
The H.R. Hunting Company,	.. 3. ..	12.98
Library Book House,	.. ... ..	27.07
Indian House Memorial Association,	.. 12. ..	2.57
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15. ..	4.25
Mrs. Fred Huber,	July 3, ..	50.45
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	.. " ..	1.25
Miss Nancy Sechrist,	.. " ..	1.75

It seemed best to do nothing about the shelves at present.

On the matter of discarded books, it was suggested that Miss Shields might be consulted.

It was also suggested that Nancy

Sechrist might be called in during the summer for a week.

The rest of the meeting was spent in discussing the problem of the janitor's work.

The meeting adjourned at 9.21 P.M. to meet on August 6, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

August 6, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.30 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Luman Barber, and W. W. Sanderson.

The minutes of our July 2 meeting were read by W. W. Sanderson, Secretary Pro-tem. Our minutes were approved.

A letter from our fellow trustee Mr. Horace Morse was read. He is spending some time in the eastern part of the Commonwealth.

It was decided to get a substitute for Mrs. Huber during her vacation.

The following bills were approved:-

H. R. Hunting,	\$ 31.29
" " "	5.19
H. E. Tel. & Tel.,	4.25



F. M. Dunnell,	\$60.30
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	10.50
Mrs. Fred Huber,	34.50
Miss Annette Clark,	12.00
Library Book House,	47.28

A discussion was held on library trustee potentials. No conclusions were made.

It was decided to present Miss Margaret Shields with a book as a token of the Library's appreciation for appraising the value of a great many books. This entailed several hours' work a day for about two weeks.

Mrs. Reeves will contact Malcolm Parks to see if he is interested in our periodical subscriptions.

Will drop our subscription to "Omni-book" and substitute "Reader's Digest".

It was decided to take all discarded books and store them in basement until price of said material improved.

Meeting adjourned 9:09 P.M.

Sept. 3, -52.

Meeting called at 7.45 P.M.

Members of the Board present were Miss Mrs.

riman, Mrs. J. Parker. Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber.

The minutes of the meeting of August 6, 1952 were read and approved.

Bills approved as follows:-

Northfield Water Co.,	\$6.00
Hunting Co.,	4.65
Hunting Co.,	5.00
Renewal Sub. to the Young Peoples Div. of Literary Guild.	18.00
New England Telephone Co.,	4.62
Mower Sharpened (E. B. Kinsman),	2.50
Mrs. Fred Huber,	36.75
Mrs. H. Ruhl,	12.00
Mrs. L. Reeves,	10.88
Mrs B. Phelps (petycash)	5.00
Library Book House (credit mem)	5.40
Library Book House (credit mem)	4.55

Discussed the disposition of discarded books. to contact Bronson's, also Miss Hart, to have Book-Mobile also look them over.

Discussed the advantages that were offered the Library by appointing a member of our board to represent us in the Regional Library Center. Mrs. Reeves accepted the appointment.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed



Wednesday, October 1, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.32 P.M. Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of September 3, 1952 were read and approved.

The resignation of Mrs. Parker was read and accepted with regret. The Secretary was instructed to send her a note expressing the regret of the trustees and an appreciation of her years of faithful service on the Board.

The following bills were approved;

Gaylord Bros. Inc.,	September 8, 1952,	\$2.30
Bouregy & Curl, Inc.,	.. 15, ..	3.12
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. .. .	4.75
Aldrich's New England Store,	.. 24, ..	.39
Library Book House,	.. 25, ..	26.59
Malcolm E. Parks,	.. 30, ..	2.75
Mrs. Fred Huber,	October 1, ..	45.75
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	.. .. .	13.50

Mr. Barber moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded the motion, and it was voted to allow the costumes belonging to The Fortnightly to be stored in the attic of the Library, if the custodian of the costumes will take full responsibility for them.

Mr. Sanderson will ask Mr. Secaris to fix up the doors and windows for the fall and winter.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Barber seconded the motion, and it was carried to provide markers for Book Week.

Some discussion ensued upon the problem of the janitor's work. It was estimated that he worked eight hours a week.

Miss Merriman reported that Mrs. Phelps prefers shelves up stairs rather than under the stairs. Additional shelves down stairs would be useful, especially for magazines. Mr. Lewis is to be consulted about them.

The Secretary was instructed to write a note thanking Miss Priest for her gift of books.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, November 5, 1952.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse,

Secretary.

Wednesday, November 5, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.44 P.M. Present, - Miss Merriman, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.



The reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1952 was omitted.

The following bills were approved:-

W. H. Miller,	October 1, 1952	\$ 3.90
Malcolm E. Parkes,	.. 2. ..	3.50
" " "	.. ..	5.00
Library Book House,	.. 7. ..	6.33
" " "	.. 28. ..	55.11
The H. W. Wilson Co.,	.. 10. ..	4.40
<del>F. M. Dugganell,</del>	.. 14. ..	<del>28.40</del>
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15. ..	4.75
Nathaniel Blane & Co.,	.. 25. ..	10.00
J. S. Wisby and Sons, Inc.,	.. 27. ..	20.13
Mrs. Fred Huber,	November 5 ..	65.25

Mr. Sanderson reported that Mr. Lewis will take care of the doors and windows.

Mr. Morse agreed to have markers on pictures attended to.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M. to Wednesday, December 3, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, December 3, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7:25 P.M. Present: Mrs. Reeves, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

After some account of the Marshall

Field Fund and of the proposals of the Franklin-Hampshire Rural Libraries Association, Mr. Sanderson moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed instructing the Secretary to write to the Association that we were interested in the effort to provide better library service to the small libraries of Western Massachusetts, but that we should be unwilling to enter any plan which involved curtailment in any way of our direction of our own library.

The minutes of October 1 and of November 5, 1952 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

National Geographic Society,	October 10, 1952,	\$ 5.25
Library Book House,	November 10, ..	30.37
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	4.75
Leavis and Bolton,	December 1, ..	8.06
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. 2, ..	40.50
Petty cash, postals,	" "	10.00

It was decided that some of <sup>discarded</sup> our books be given to the Leeds Hospital.

Mr. Sanderson offered to frame the portraits of the Presidents of the United States.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was carried to buy a magazine rack.



The meeting adjourned at 9.34 P.M. to Monday, December 15, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Monday, December 15, 1952.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.36 P.M. Present, - Mrs. Reurs, Mrs. Securis, Miss Merri-man, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1952 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Library Book House	December 4, 1952	\$ 4.28
" " "	" 12, "	101.91
J. M. Dummell,	" 10, "	71.40
Gaylord Brothers,	" 8, "	100.00
Northfield School for Girls,	" 11, "	67.00
Malcolm E. Parks,	" " "	26.00
Lumana A. Barber,	" 15, "	1.50

A letter from Mr. Abbey was received resigning the position of janitor.

A letter was received from Mrs. Securis thanking the trustees for allowing the storage of costumes in the Library building.

It was decided to have a bill sent for the estimated cost of book-shelves in

the hall and to have it paid before the end of the year.

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed to raise the salary of the Librarian to \$1950 a year, \$165 a month.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that Mr. Luman Barber be asked to be the janitor for the present.

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the budget for 1953 be \$4800.

The meeting adjourned at 9.50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse,

Secretary.

The Trustees did not meet in January 1953.

Wednesday, February 4, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.40 P.M. Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

Mrs. Reeves was unanimously elected chairman for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the meeting of December 15 were read and approved.



Mr. Sanders on moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the Librarian should make her annual report to the Trustees at the last meeting of the Board in the year.

The following bills were approved,

J. M. Hunnell,	January 5, 1953,	\$ 111.47
Barrett & Baker,	" 13, "	.60
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.75
Wemco,	" 22, "	14.50
Norman Alexander Hall,	" 24, "	2.00
Fiske & Strecker,	" 31, "	1.18
W. E. Aubuchon,	February 2, "	9.55
Tracy R. Burdick,	" .., "	3.75
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" .., "	30.00
" Louise Reeves,	" 4, "	12.00
" Hesser Ruhl,	" .., "	6.00
Miss Nancy Sechrist,	" .., "	5.25

It was felt that the books in the locked room should be listed.

Mrs. Lewis was asked to be assistant to the Librarian.

Specifications for tables in the cellar should be sent to Mr. Lewis as well as an order for a new window cord.

The meeting adjourned at 9.12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace W. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, March 4, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7:32 P.M. Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 4, 1953 were read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Representative Walter F. Hurlburt informing him that this Board approved maintaining and expanding the Regional Library Center at Greenfield.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed adopting the principles approved by the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association and instructing the Secretary to inform the President of that Association of this Board's formal action.

It was recommended that the Librarian go to the meeting of the Library Weeding Workshop to be held March 12 at the Turner's Falls Library.

The following bills were approved, -

Cavalier Publishing Co.,	No date	\$ 1.25
F.M. Dinnell.	January 30, 1953	21.80
Northfield Water Co.,	February 1, ..	6.00
Nathaniel Wamed Co.,	.. 11, ..	10.00
Library Book House,	.. 13, ..	6.93



Library Book House, February 28, 1953,	\$	46.69
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	9.50
American Library Assoc.,	.. 17, ..	6.00
Mrs. Fred Huber,	March 4, ..	48.00
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	.. ..	5.25
Mrs. Phelps, petty cash	.. ..	10.00

Mrs. Reeves reported that Miss Mabel Shields was willing to print markers for portraits, etc.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the cost for the tables in the basement would be \$60.

Mr. Barber moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed to order the tables.

A discussion ensued upon the problem of assistants to the Librarian and of the amount of the Librarian's salary.

The meeting adjourned at 9.00 P.M. to meet April 7, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse,  
 Secretary.

Wednesday, April 1, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.36 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of March 4,

1953 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,-

Hemco Library Supply Co.,	March 5, 1953,	\$ 39.32
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15. ..	00.00
Doubleday & Company,	.. 18, ..	21.00
Library Book House,	.. 14, ..	34.32
G. B. Wolfe Company,	.. 24, ..	22.27
Mrs. Fred Huber,	April 1. ..	57.00

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed to have Nancy Sechrist become assistant librarian next summer.

Mr. Barber moved, Mrs. Lewis seconded a motion which was passed to close the Library April 20-27 inclusive.

Miss Merriman moved, Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was passed to keep the old books in the closet upstairs and have them catalogued.

The meeting adjourned to meet May 6, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, May 6, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.56 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Merriman, Mr.



Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of April 1, 1953 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

F. M. Munnell,	February 7, 1953,	\$ 19.16
" " " "	" 17, "	22.84
" " " "	March 3, "	29.54
" " " "	" 14, "	24.99
W. H. Utley, ..	April 1, "	4.12
Vermont Book Shop,	" 4, "	3.17
The Quabbin Book House,	" 7, "	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.75
Library Book House,	" 16, "	7.28
C. B. Holge Company,	" 24, "	6.74
J. S. Wisby & Sons Inc.,	" 29, "	46.08
Tracy R. Burdick,	May 1, "	14.50
Leavis and Bolton,	" " "	70.81
Demco Library Supplies,	" 5, "	4.75
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" 6, "	27.00
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	" " "	9.00
Mrs. Hesser Ruhl,	" " "	10.50
Miss Nancy Sechrist,	" " "	9.00

Nancy Sechrist will come to assist Mrs. Phelps during the summer.

Mrs. Huber will come in during Mrs. Phelps's vacation.

The Board adjourned <sup>at 8.50 P.M.</sup> to meet Wednesday, June 3, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, June 3, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.35 P.M. Present; Mrs. Leavis, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Sanderson presided.

The minutes of the meeting of May 6, 1953 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,-

Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club,		\$
Field Enterprises,	April 27, 1953	1.25
Nathaniel W. Hale Company,	May 4, ..	10.00
Library Book House,	.. 7. ..	6.65
" " " " ,	.. 11, ..	2.45
" " " " ,	.. 28, ..	43.56
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	4.75
Malcolm E. Parks,	.. 22, ..	9.50
C. H. Diamond & Co., Inc.,	.. 30, ..	10.50
Lewis & Bolton,	June 1, ..	2.25
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. 3, ..	48.75
Miss Nancy Sechrist,	.. .., ..	6.00

Mr. Morse moved, Mrs. Lewis seconded a motion which was passed to put book-plates in the books in the south room upstairs.

Some discussion of projects for 1953-4 followed; the possible arrangement of the room for the old books, the correction



of the curve south of the library building, and an addition to the northeast corner of the basement and the first floor.

Miss Merriman volunteered to look up in Greenfield a stand for the big dictionary.

Mr. Barber had talked with Mr. Yarnac about sealing the cracks in the walk in front of the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8.47 P.M. to meet on July 1, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

Wednesday, July 1, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.32 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Merriman, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of the meeting of June 3, 1953 were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Miss Merriman reported that she had not been able to find a stand suitable for the big dictionary.

Miss Merriman and Mr. Morse are

to meet with Miss Shields next Friday morning in the library to see just what markers shall be put on pictures.

The following bills were approved,-

J. M. Dinnell,	April 8, 1953	\$ 28.40
"	29, "	29.96
Wilcox & Follitt Co.,	May 19, "	8.95
H. R. Hunting Co.,	June 3, "	35.37
Library Book House,	" 9, "	13.44
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.75
W. D. Miller,	" 18, "	5.10
G. H. Diamond & Co. Inc.,	" 30, "	.55
L. A. Barber,	July 1, "	5.61
E. B. Bolton,	" " "	36.00
Mrs. Hesser Ruhl	" " "	10.50
Miss Nancy Sechrist	" " "	45.00

Mr. Sanderson moved, Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was passed to have the floor upstairs refinished like the first floor.

Mr. Barber will see Edward Bolton about it.

The matter of a work-desk for Mrs. Phelps is to be investigated.

The meeting adjourned at 8.51 P.M. to meet on August 5, 1953.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse,

Secretary.









Wednesday, October 7, 1953.

The Trustees of the Wilkinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.45 P.M.  
Present: Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Meriman, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of August 5 and of September 2, 1953 were read and approved.

The discussion about locks and bolts ended by deciding to ask Mr. Lewis to fix the locks which do not work.

The following bills were approved:

The American Book Company,	September 9, 1953.	\$6.36
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	4.75
The Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club,	" " "	2.00
Doubleday & Company Inc.,	" 16, "	18.00
Mrs. Fred Huber,	October 2, "	37.50
" Dana Lewis,	" " "	24.00
" Louise Reeves,	" " "	3.00
Lewis & Bolton,	" 5, "	7.15

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that Mrs. Mark B. Aldrich be asked to serve as assistant librarian.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Aldrich and to Mrs. Paxton in regard to the Board's decision.

The meeting adjourned at 9.25 P.M.

to meet on November 4, 1953.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, November 4, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.30 P.M. Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 7, 1953 were read and approved.

Mr. Barber moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that the resignation of Miss Merriman be accepted with sincere regret. The secretary was asked to prepare a resolution which should be spread upon the records and a copy of which should be sent to Miss Merriman expressing the appreciation of the Board for her long, efficient, and devoted service to the Dickinson Memorial Library.

The following bills were approved:

Malcolm E. Park,	October 6, 1953	\$	8.50
National Geographic Society.	"	8. "	5.50
The W. W. Wilson Company.	"	9. "	4.40
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	"	15. "	4.80
Library Book House corrected statement of August 27, 1953	"	20. "	25.99



## Resolution

on the resignation of Miss C. Ina Merriman  
as a member of the Board of Trustees of the  
Dickinson Memorial Library. November 4, 1953.

When at the meeting of November 4, 1953  
the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial  
Library accepted the resignation of Miss  
C. Ina Merriman, a long and loyal ser-  
vice was brought to an end.

Immediately following the illness and  
death of Mrs. Randall, Miss Merriman car-  
ried on the work and on May 16, 1929 was  
made Librarian by the Board of Trustees  
and served until her resignation, Octo-  
ber 2, 1930. She was elected a Trustee and  
began her service February 6, 1936 and re-  
mained a member until her resigna-  
tion November 4, 1953. On February 7, 1940  
she was chosen Chairman of the Board.  
She presided for the last time February 6,  
1952 when at her earnest request she was  
relieved of the responsibilities of her ex-  
acting position.

As Chairman Miss Merriman should-  
ered full responsibility for the welfare of  
the Library. Other members of the Board  
loyally supported her, but she always





assumed the burden of initiating policy and seeing that it was carried through! She kept careful watch over expenditures, no detail in regard to the up-keep of the library building escaped her, investigations involving time-consuming trips and interviews she gladly undertook, no task however irksome or knotty for the interest of the library did she shirk. It sometimes seemed to us who worked with her through the years that a large share of her waking hours must be devoted to planning and working for the library.

We, her colleagues, wish to put on permanent record our appreciation of this long, efficient, and devoted service and to express our sincere regret that it has come to an end.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

A copy of this resolution was sent to Miss Merriman.





Brattleboro Vt

Dec. 31, 1953

Dear Mr Morse - Secretary,  
And the Trustees,  
When I opened the  
envelope and read the  
enclosed letter that came  
from you, it gave me  
a great surprise.

I never thought of  
anything like that  
coming to me. I don't  
deserve it, but it was  
nice for you to do it.





and I humbly say,  
thank you.

I have always thought  
that the trustees and the  
librarian should work  
together. By so doing  
they can please and  
satisfy the public.

Again, may I say -  
Thank you.

Very truly yours

C. Ina Merriman.





Library Book House, October 21, 1953	\$51.75
The H. R. Hunting Co. Inc. " " "	1.83
Mrs. Mark Aldrich, November 4 "	52.50
" Fred Huber, " " "	17.25
" Gwendolyn O. Lewis, " " "	27.75
" Louise Reeves, " " "	21.75
" Hesser Ruhl, " " "	5.25

Mr. Morse moved, Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed to ask Mrs. W. B. Wells to become a member of the Board to serve until the next Town Meeting.

The appointment of persons not members of the Board to assist in the selection of books was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Herace H. Moore, Secretary.

Wednesday, December 2, 1953

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.30 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of November 2, 1953 were read and approved.

Mrs. W. B. Wells joined the Board in place of Miss Merriman.

It was decided after some discussion

to allow Mrs. Phelps to pay for the loss of the money-on-deposit which was stolen last August.

The amount of the telephone bill was discussed.

The following bills were approved,-

F.M. Wurnell,	October 7, 1953	\$ 27.80
	November 3, ..	22.33
	.. 12, ..	13.23
	.. 19, ..	12.04
Library Book House,	October 30, ..	13.11
"	November 16, .. credit	\$ 2.77
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	5.50
Nathanell Wame & Company,	.. 20, ..	10.00
Leavis & Bolton,	December 1, ..	3.60
Mrs. Edith Aldrich	.. 2, ..	48.00

Some discussion took place on getting a display board and Mrs. Wells is to look into the matter.

Mr. Sanderson was asked to look into the possibility of getting the use of the metal staging owned by the Northfield School for Girls when the cornice is repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 9.25 P.M. to 7.30 P.M., Thursday, December 17, 1953.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



Thursday, December 17, 1953.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.58 P.M.

Present. Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 2, 1953 were read and approved.

Mrs. Wells reported on the matter of a display peg-board, and various types were discussed. It was decided to investigate further, and Mrs. Lewis was asked to find out how much it would cost to have such a board made.

The following bills were approved, -

Library Book House.	August 27, 1953	\$ 25.99
" " "	December 8, "	65.61
" " "	" 11, "	54.84
J.M. Durnell.	" 1, "	16.60
" " "	" 9, "	16.83
Barrett & Baker,	" 10, "	5.80
R. Schouler,	" 16, "	3.00
L.A. Barber,	" 17, "	4.71
Hamilton S. Greger	" " "	10.79
Lewis & Bolton	" " "	1.50

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was passed that the Librarian's salary should be raised from \$165 to \$175 a month, that

the Assistant-librarian's salary should be raised from 75 cents to 85 cents an hour and the janitor's salary from \$420 to \$486 a year.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that the appropriation for magazines for next year should be \$50.

Mr. Barber moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that the appropriation for fuel for next year should be \$500.

Mrs. Lewis moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion which was carried that the appropriation for the telephone for next year should be \$70.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was carried that the appropriation for maintenance for next year should be \$200 and that the item "Miscellaneous" be omitted.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was carried that the budget for library expenses for next year be \$5100.

Adjourned at 10.27 P.M. subject to the call of the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library held no meeting in January, 1954.

February 3, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.43 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Sanderson.

The Board organized with Mrs. Reeves as Chairman and Mr. Morse as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1953 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -  
Library Book House, January 13, 1954, credit \$2.45

"	"	"	"	15,	"	
Gaylord Brothers,	"	"	"			10.20
New England Tel. Bldg.,	"	"	"			5.50
Demco Library Supplies,	"	"	"	18,	"	21.80
Mrs. Edith Aldrich,	February 2,	"				46.75
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	"	"	"			11.90

After some discussion about ordering magazines, it was suggested that the matter be taken up with Mr. Park.

Discussion followed upon the disposal of discarded books.

Mrs. Leavis reported that a 3 by 4 wooden peg-board to be used with thumb-tacks could be made for \$38.50.

She was in favor of getting a commercial one. The one Mr. Sanderson exhibited was listed at \$42.45. Final decision was withheld.

Mrs. Seavis was asked to look up with Mr. Seavis the matter of cracked windows.

It was agreed that floors should be refurnished during the spring school vacation, April 15-26.

Adjourned at 8.50 P.M. to meet March 3, 1954

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary,

March 3, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.50 P.M.

Present - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Seavis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1954 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved;

F.M. Drummell,	January 1, 1954	\$14.56
	" 9, "	26.74
	" 16, "	30.20
	" 20, "	35.14
	" 28, "	20.59
	February 8, "	27.74
	" 18, "	26.20
	" 9, "	3.50
Library Book House,	March 8, "	58.65
Mrs. Fred Huber,		



Mrs. Louise Reeves,	March 8, 1954	\$ 10.20
Mrs. Hesser Ruhl,	" " "	6.80
The Librarian (fifty cards)	" " "	10.00

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed to order a 2 by 4 peg-board gray finish from Henco to cost \$33.80, No. 2801-G in their catalogue.

Mrs. Wells moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was carried to buy bifocal guides and folders to cost \$7.00 and a metal filing cabinet to cost \$12.50.

It was suggested that Mr. Wilfred Freeman, Mrs. Hatheway, and the Misses Shields be asked to assist in reading books to be purchased by the library.

The Board adjourned at 9.20 P.M. to meet April 7, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

May 5, 1954.

The Trustees of the Wilkinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.30 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of April 7, 1954 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -  
Library Book House, March 31, 1954 \$ 17.89  
" " " April 13, 1954 Credit 4.55

" " "	" 14, 1954	14.27
Nathaniel Wame & Company,	" 11, "	10.00
Wanco Library Supplies,	" 12, "	13.15
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.50
The C. B. Dolge Company,	" 30, "	15.23
Malcom E. Park,	May 3, "	5.00
Mrs. Mark Aldrich,	" 5, "	41.23
Edward C. Bolton,	" " "	44.00
Mrs. Joyce La Force	" " "	13.60
Mrs. Wana Leavis	" " "	3.40

After some discussion of the disposal of discarded books and magazines, the meeting adjourned at 8.40 P.M. to meet June 2, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.



June 2, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.35 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of May 5, 1954 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved;

F.M. Dummell,	April 3, 1954	\$ 28.00
" " "	May 11, ..	33.94
J. S. Weaby & Sons, Inc.,	April 30. ..	29.86
Boy Scouts of America,	May 5. ..	18.20
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15. ..	5.50
Library Book House,	" 19. ..	106.01
Mrs. Florence H. Phelps (for paying the Railway Express Agency),	May 20, 1954	2.67
Mrs. Joyce La Force,	June 1, ..	55.68
Mrs. Edith Aldrich,	" " "	3.40

Mr. Barber agreed to follow up further the matter of discarded books and the repairing the roof.

The Christmas Iron Shop will submit designs for rails for the front steps.

The meeting adjourned at 8.40 P.M. to meet on July 7, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse,  
Secretary.

July 7, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.55 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of June 2, 1954 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved;

Demco Library Supplies,	March 16, 1954	\$ 30.10
" " "	May 13, "	20.55
" " "	June 2, 1954, Credit	\$ 11.65
Library Book House,	June 4, 1954	19.56
" " "	June 14, 1954, Credit	\$ 2.07
" " "	" 18, "	5.80
J. S. Wesby & Son, Inc.,	June 7, 1954	7.23
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 17, "	5.50
Readers' Digest Condensed Book Club	" " "	2.00
Leavis and Bolton,	July 1, "	2.25
Mrs. Joyce LaForce,	" 7, "	69.70

The discarded books are in process of disposal.

The roof will soon be repaired.

For the prize-book contest one publishing firm gave as first prizes for three separate age-groups.

Mr. Sanderson has received no further report about rails for the front steps. Mr. Barber will ask about the rail at the Franklin Institution for Savings in



Greenfield.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to the librarians for the exhibitions in connection with the prize-book contest and for their other activities arousing interest in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 P.M. to meet on August 4, 1954.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

September 1, 1954

The trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library met at 7:45 P.M.  
Present were Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves, Mrs. Wayne B. Wells  
Mrs. Dana W. Leavis, Mr. Luman A. Barber, Mr. Winthrop W. Sanderson.

Received from Mr. Barber \$6.05 from the sale of old papers.

Received from the Brattleboro Roofing and Sheet Metal Company a bill  
for repairs on the roof \$560.00. \$400.00 toward this work was  
appropriated at the annual town meeting, February 1954.

Voted: to pay the balance of \$160.00 from the Montague Library Fund.

The following bills were approved:

Brattleboro Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc.	\$560.00
Northfield Water Company	6.00
Library Book House	26.24
Perry Book Weaving	1.40
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	5.50
Mrs. Fred G. Huber	64.60
Miss May Cook	14.00

Mrs. Phelps reported 986 more books in circulation the first  
eight months of this year over the corresponding period last year.

The children were pleased with the reading contest this summer.

Mrs. Howard A. King is the assistant librarian now.

Drawings of railings for the front steps were studied.

Voted: to accept Mr. Walter E. Hallam's offer of a glass case for the bust  
of the girl in the juvenile room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

*Dorothy O. Leavis*

Secretary pro-tem



Wednesday, October 6, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7:42 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meetings of July 7 and September 1 were read and approved.

(The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library did not meet in August, 1954.)

Some discussion took place over the matter of a case for the statue of a young girl which the Hallams had given us for the juvenile room.

Mr. Hatheway with whom the matter of rails for the front steps had been gone over has gone to Canada without making a report. Mr. Barber and Mrs. Wells have inspected the railing on the steps of the Franklin Institution for Savings in Greenfield.

The following bills were approved;

Library Book House.	August 25, 1954	\$ 11.67
" " "	September 2, "	2.22
" " "	" 8, "	5.87
" " "	" 22, "	31.77
" " "	September 13, 1954	Budget \$ 2.77
" " "	October 4, " "	11.15

F.M. Dummell,	August 28, 1954	\$32.15
Tracy R. Burdick,	September 1, ..	14.31
Jean Karr Company,	.. 10, ..	10.38
Doubleday Company,	.. 13, ..	18.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	5.50
Malcolm E. Park,	.. 20, ..	13.00
Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club,	.. 22, ..	2.00
Mrs. Kathryn M. King,	October 5, ..	64.60

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Wells recorded a motion which was passed that two signs be put up forbidding bicycle-riding on the library walk.

The meeting adjourned at 8.39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, November 3, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.39 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1954 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

Library Book House,	October 5, 1954	\$ 24.55
" " "	" 19, ..	13.82
" " "	" 22, ..	1.66
National Geographic Society,	" 8, ..	5.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co	" 15, ..	5.50



J.M. Dummell,	October 22, 1954	\$ 26.88
H.W. Wilson Company,	" " "	5.60
Mrs. Fred Huber,	November 1, "	5.95
Mrs. Howard King,	" " "	57.80

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that a wrought-iron railing for the front steps of the library according to the plan proposed by Mr. Hatheway be installed.

was requested to notify Mr. Hatheway that his plan had been accepted and to thank him for his work in connection with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallam have left in our hands the matter of a proper setting for the statue of the young girl for the children's room.

The meeting adjourned at 8.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, December 1, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.25 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of Novem-

ber 3, 1954 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,-  
 Library Book House, November 15, 1954 Credit \$4.81  
 New England Tel. & Tel. Co., November 15, 1954 \$ 5.50  
 Luman A. Barber, December 1, " 9.95  
 Kathryn King, " " " 55.68  
 Seavis and Bolton, " " " 5.10

Mr. Morse was asked to inquire whether or not Mr. Morrow would allow us to see copies of the new Encyclopedia Britannica.

Mr. Barber will see about the lights over the front steps and for the Christmas illumination.

Money for rubber mats will be included in the budget.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Morse seconded a motion that was passed that Mrs. Phelps be instructed to allow volumes of the Merit Badge Series to be taken out of the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8.44 P.M. to 7.45 P.M., December 16, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



Thursday, December 16, 1954.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library at 7.59 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The following bills were approved; -

F.M. Winnell,	November 11, 1954	\$ 30.77
"	29, "	25.00
"	December 8, "	23.84
Library Book House	" 2, "	89.72
Mrs. Louise Reeves	" 16, "	3.25

Mr. Barber reported that the repairs has been made on the heater and the bill would be in by the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that the library buy the latest edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Mrs. Reeves will get in touch with the agent, Mr. Clayton Taylor.

Mrs. Leavis moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion which was passed that the salary of the librarian should be \$2220 and the salary of the janitor \$545 a year.

Mrs. King has asked to retire as Assistant-Librarian by the first of next year.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion which was passed that

the salary of the Assistant-librarian be at the rate of 95 cents an hour, if trained, but if untrained at the rate of 85 cents an hour.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the cracked window-frame in the Children's Room be replaced. Mrs. Leavis will see to it.

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that the Library should present to the Finance Committee a budget of \$5300 for the next year.

Mr. Barber was asked to get a mat for the front door.

Mrs. Reeves has been trying to get a satisfactory glass-dome for the statue the Hallams have given for the Children's Room.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, January 5, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.50 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Leavis, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.



The minutes of the meeting of December 16 were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the iron rails were coming immediately.

Mrs. Reeves reported that Mrs. Huber could serve until May as Assistant Librarian.

Mrs. Wells moved, Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed to ask Mrs. Cook to work Saturdays through February at 75 cents an hour.

The meeting adjourned at 8.42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, February 2, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.45 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 1955 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,-

American Library Association	December 20, 1954	\$ 6.03
J. M. Dunnell,	January 5, 1955	23.39
	15, "	26.77
	22, "	18.63
Library Book House,	10, "	2.22
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	15, "	5.50
Malcolm E. Park	February 1, "	8.50

Mrs. Kathryn King,	February 2, 1955	\$ 3.80
.. Fred Huber,	.. 2. ..	64.60
Mrs. May Cook,	.. 2. ..	9.00
Mrs. Florence Phelps (Patty Cook)	.. 2. ..	10.00

Mr. Sanderson moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that a notice be published in The Greenfield Recorder-Gazette asking for applications of the position of Assistant Librarian in the Dickinson Memorial Library.

The Librarian met with the Board and discussed with it the problems of the requirements desirable in an Assistant Librarian and of the best hours for keeping the Library open.

The meeting adjourned at 9.32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, March 2, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.37 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 2, 1955 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved;  
Domco Library Supplies.

January 1, 1955 \$13.81

February 10, .. 3.12



Home Library Supplies February 12, 1955, Audit \$5.94.

Northfield Water Co.,	February 1, 1955	\$ 6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	.. 15, ..	5.54
J. S. Wesby & Sons,	- - -	42.65
L. A. Barber (Floor mat),	March 1, ..	3.44
Leavis and Bolton,	.. ..	208.53
Mrs. Fred Huber,	.. 2, ..	60.80
Miss May Cook,	.. ..	9.00

Mr. Morse moved, and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that if arrangements can be made, Mrs. Campbell be appointed Assistant Librarian.

After a discussion upon the amount of salary to be paid to the Librarian, Mr. Sanderson moved, and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the Secretary get information on the amount of salary and hours per week for librarians and assistant librarians in towns the size of Northfield.

There was a discussion on the subject of shelves in the Children's Room and in the room downstairs.

The Board also discussed the possible purchase of a map of Massachusetts.

The meeting adjourned at 9.27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, April 6, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.37 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of December 1, 1954 and of March 2, 1955 were read and approved.

Mrs. Reeves reported that Mrs. Campbell on account of the time of day required could not accept the Assistant Librarianship.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion that was passed that Mrs. David Cook be appointed Assistant Librarian at 85 cents an hour beginning April 26, 1955.

Mrs. Reeves reported that Mrs. Huber could be depended upon to act as substitute Assistant Librarian.

The following bills were approved, -

F.M. Durnell,	February 2, 1955	\$ 32.33
" " "	" 10, "	54.68
" " "	" 21, "	79.86
Field Enterprise,	March 1, "	1.50
Library Book House,	" 3, "	95.02
" " "	" 17, "	19.32
" " "	March 21, 1955 credit	\$ 3.15
" " "	April 5, " "	2.45



The Bookstore,	March 11, 1955	\$ 2.50
The C. B. Holgelco.,	" " "	21.86
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
Hemco Library Supplies,	" 18, "	28.25
Mrs. Fred Huber,	April 6, "	70.30
" Howard King,	" " "	3.80
Miss Cooke,	" " "	6.00

Mrs. Wells moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion that was passed that the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library purchase membership in the Massachusetts Library Association in the name of the Chairman of the Board.

Discussion followed on the location of a Children's Room.

The meeting adjourned at 8.49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, May 4, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.45 P.M.

Present - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of April 6 were read and approved.

Mrs. Hatheway reported on Mr. deGrasse's talk

Discussion followed on the possible location of the Children's Room.

The following bills were approved,  
Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club,

	March 23, 1955	\$ 2.00
Library Book House	" 29, "	10.22
" " "	April 6, "	2.57
Nathaniel Hale Company	" 4, "	10.00
Malcolm E. Park	" " "	15.50
Children's Playmate Magazine	" 15, "	2.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	" " "	5.75
Edward G. Bolton,	May 1, "	76.00
Mrs. David Cook,	" 4, "	13.60
" Fred Huber,	" " "	38.00
" Dana Leavis,	" " "	1.90
" Howard King,	" " "	1.90
Miss Virginia E. Leach,	April 8, "	1.00

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was passed to invite Miss Alice Cahill to look over the situation in regard to the possible location of the Children's Room.

The meeting adjourned at 8.33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

June 1, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.40 P.M.



Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of May 4, 1955 were read and approved.

In a recent talk with Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Phelps said she was not sure that changing the location of the Children's Room would be desirable. After some discussion it was the feeling of the Trustees that such a change would be advantageous.

The following bills were approved;

J.M. Whinnell,	February 28, 1955	\$ 79.86
" " "	March 4, "	24.44
" " "	" 14, "	16.54
" " "	" 31, "	35.00
Barnett & Baker,	May 1, "	.50
Ideas-Plus Ink,	" 2, "	6.75
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	6.05
Library Book House,	" 17, "	55.35
Leavis & Bolton,	June 1, "	2.50
Mrs. David Cook,	" " "	73.33
Mrs. Dana Leavis,	" " "	7.05

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion that was passed to have Mrs. Cook assist Mrs. Phelps on Saturday afternoons during the six weeks of the reading contest.

The Trustees inspected both the rooms upstairs and those in the basement in order to determine possible uses of them in the future expansion of the Library.

It was felt that discarded books could be properly sent to the American Association of University Women.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

July 6, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.52 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

Mrs. Phelps, the Librarian, discussed with the Trustees the question of relocating the Children's Room. Mr. Turner, the Superintendent of Schools, also contributed to the discussion by showing plans of the new Regional High School and pointing out possible relationships with the work of the Library.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion which was passed that for the present use be made of the room available for the Junior High School



group to relieve the pressure in the Children's Room.

Mr. Barber agreed to talk over with Mr. Seavis the problem of raising and shutting the windows.

The minutes of the meeting of June 1, 1955 were read and approved.

Mrs. Wells reported that the American Association of University Women was grateful for the discarded books from our library.

The following bills were approved:

Library Book House,	June 1, 1955	\$ 31.42
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"	"	"	9,	"	61.63
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"	"	"	24,	"	21.98
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"	"	"	June 28, 1955	Credit	\$ 2.45
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New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	June 15, 1955	5.75
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Mrs. David Cook,	July 6,	"	78.50
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It was suggested that the curbs which separate the lawn from the walk could be covered with grass without needing removal.

The meeting adjourned at 9.49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

August 3, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickson Memorial Library met in the Library at 8.05 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The report of the Librarian was discussed.

It is the policy now to keep as little cash in the Library as possible. Mrs. Reeves will keep the petty cash.

The minutes of the meeting of July 6, 1955 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

Library Book Horse,	July 7, 1955	\$ 3.11
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
Leavis and Bolton,	August 1, "	28.99
Barret & Baker,	" " "	3.50
Elton B. Kinsman,	" " "	.50
Mrs. David Cook.	" " "	91.20

It was decided that the Travelling Children's Collection should be asked to serve the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.





October 5, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.45 P.M.

Present; - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes for August 3, 1955 and for September 7, 1955 were read and approved.

The film for fifth graders is to be given upstairs.

The following bills were approved, -  
Library Book House.

	September 1, 1955	\$ 4.86
"	30, "	57.23
J. S. Werby & Sons, Inc.,	" 9, "	22.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club,	" 20, "	2.00
Nathaniel Blane Company,	" 28, "	10.00
Leavis & Bolton,	October 1, "	18.69
Mrs. Fred Huber,	" 4, "	10.45
" Howard King,	" " "	3.80
" David Cook,	" " "	64.60
" Florence Phelps,	" " "	2.00

Mr. Barber moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion that was passed to ask Leavis and Bolton to make new bookshelves.

Mr. Barber moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed to have Mr. Alfred Holton run a second cir



cut for the heater.

Mr. Barber will ask Mr. Gammac to seal cracks in the front walk. He will also arrange with Lewis and Bolton about the bookshelves.

The meeting adjourned at 8.42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

November 2, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.47 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 5, 1955 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

M. G. Park,	October 5, 1955	\$ 7.50
National Geographic Society,	" 7, "	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
Library Book House,	" 17, "	27.44

" " " November 1, 1955 Credit \$4.38

J. S. Wesby & Sons, Inc.		6.15
Mrs. David Cook,	November 2, 1955	66.50

The Secretary was instructed to send letters to L. Percy Goodspeed, Esquire, Chairman of the Republican Committee and to Edward F. Hurley, Esquire, Chairman of

the Democratic Committee informing them that Mrs. Louise M. Reeves and Mr. Luman A. Barber had expressed their willingness to be candidates at the next town-meeting for re-election as Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

The meeting adjourned at 9.12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse.

December 7, 1955

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.50 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of November 2, 1955 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

F. W. Faxon Company,	October 3, 1955	\$ 60.87
H. W. Wilson Company,	" 28, "	5.60
Library Book House,	November 4, "	58.08
" " "	" 17, "	38.84
" " "	" 22, "	60.87
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
Donco Library Supplies,	" 21, "	2.31
Vocational Guidance Manuals, Inc.	" " "	3.30
F. M. Durnell,	" 30, "	61.83
Alfred E. Holton,	December 3, "	3.10
L. A. Barber,	" 7, "	8.00
Mrs. David Cook,	" " "	70.30



F.M. Dummell will give a 2% discount on all bills contracted by the library whether or not they are paid within a certain time.

If the bill for the estimated cost of the shelves is paid before the work is completed, an arrangement to meet any discrepancy will be made later.

The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M. to meet on Monday, December 19, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

December 19, 1955.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.30 P.M.

Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1955 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,  
 Lewis and Bolton, December 14, 1955 \$140.40  
 F.M. Dummell, " " " 8.55

Mrs. Phelps may arrange to attend the wedding of her granddaughter December 31, 1955.

On Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31 the library is to close at 6 P.M.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Hatheway

seconded a motion which was passed that the Librarian's salary for 1956 should be \$2300.

Mr. Morse moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion that was passed that the maximum salary of the Librarian should be \$2500 to be reached by an annual increase of \$100 each year.

Mrs. Wells moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the salary of the Assistant Librarian should be \$1040, paid at the rate of \$1 an hour and amounting to twenty hours a week.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the salary of the Second Assistant Librarian should be \$156. paid at the rate of seventy-five cents per hour and amounting to four hours a week.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the salary of the Janitor should be \$600 a year.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that the Library budget for 1956 should be \$5800.

The meeting adjourned at 9.58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



January 4, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.43 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 19, 1955 were read and approved.

After a discussion in which it was pointed out that stores in Northfield were now closed after 6 P.M., Mrs. Hatheway moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that hereafter the Library should close on Saturdays at 6 P.M.

Mrs. Wells moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that the Assistant-Librarian should work on Fridays and Saturdays a number of hours which should total six according to the most convenient arrangement for the Librarian and the Assistant-Librarian, and when this arrangement is made, it should be reported to the Trustees.

Discussion followed as to the best way to secure to the Librarian uninterrupted time for her work when the Library is officially closed.

It was felt that the Trustees' Report should include the placing of the iron railing at the entrance to the Library, the appointment of Mrs. Cook as Assistant Librarian, the building of the new shelves under the Dickinson Memorial Tablet, and the purchase of the rotating globe.

The meeting adjourned at 9.23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

February 1, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.45 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

Some discussion occurred as to the kind of box to be placed outside the Library to which books might be returned. Mr. Lewis, it was suggested, might be consulted.

The minutes of January 4, 1956 were read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Edward Muir, the New England representative of the Great Books Foundation, acknowledging the gift of "The Great Books of the Western World." The address of Mr.



Muir is The Great Books Foundation, Boston Public Library, Boston 17, Massachusetts. It was decided that the set should be displayed, that Kenneth Walker should take photographs of it, and that its prospectus should be published in the papers.

The following bills were approved.  
The Reader's Digest Condensed

Book Club,	December 27, 1955	\$ 2.00
Library Book House,	January 6, 1956	2.19
H. W. Wilson Company,	" 10, "	8.00
New England Tel & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
United States Post Office,	" 19, "	10.00
Mrs. David Cook,	" 31, "	75.53
Mrs. Florence Phelps,	" " "	10.00

Mrs. Wells moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the policy of subscribing to magazines through an agent be changed to subscribing directly with the publishers.

Mrs. Wells moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the Secretary be instructed to notify Mr. Park of the change.

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

March 7, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.53 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse and Mr. Sanderson.

The salary of the librarian, the need of extra help for her, and what evenings the library should be opened were discussed.

The minutes of the meeting of February 1, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:-

F.M. Dinnell,	January 31, 1956	\$ 88.41
Ideas-plus-Ink,	February 1, ..	4.00
Northfield Water Company,	" " "	6.00
Malcom E. Park,	" " "	8.00
The Book Store,	" 13, ..	2.50
New England Tel. Tel. Co.,	" 15, ..	5.75
Library Book House,	" 27, ..	75.61

" " "	March 5, 1956, Credit	\$ 1.20
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	March 7, 1956	81.00
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " "	4.00

Mr. Barber will see that the floors are done over during the week of April 16.

After some discussion of making some arrangement by which books could be returned when the library is closed, it was decided to do nothing about it.

The meeting adjourned at 9.34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



April 4, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.45 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

Nathaniel Wainwright Company,	March 7, 1956	\$10.00
Library Book House.	" 15, "	13.39

"	"	"	" 29, "	2.75
The C. B. Dolge Company,	" 15, "	15.26		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" " "	5.75		
The World Book Encyclopedia,	" " "	1.50		
Hemco Library Supplies,	" 20, "	30.83		
Gaylord Brothers,	" 22, "	2.95		
F. M. Hummell,	" 31, "			
American House,	April 4, "	6.00		
L. A. Barber,	" " "	2.70		
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	" " "	73.00		
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " "	19.00		

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion that was passed that the Library be opened on Friday evenings instead of Thursday evenings beginning Friday, April 27, 1956.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed

that a formica table-top should be purchased at \$25 for the Librarian's desk. Mr. Barber will see Mr. Lewis about it.

Mrs. Reeves will ask Mr. Leonard to recommend some high-school girl to work in the library.

Mr. Barber will look up the matter of puttying and painting the window frames.

The Huber Brothers are to be asked to do over the floors.

The matter of covering up the curbs about the lawns will be seen to by Mr. Barber.

The meeting adjourned at 9.07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, May 2, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.30 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -  
Readers Digest Condensed

Book Club	March 28, 1956	\$ 2.00
Acme Chemical Company,	April 9, 1956	3.95
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	.. 15, 1956	5.75



J. M. Dunnell,	April 20, 1956	\$3.20
The Hubers,	" 24, "	52.00
Library Book House,	" 30, "	58.60
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	May 1, "	54.00
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " "	6.00

Mrs. Hatheway moved and Mr. Morse seconded a motion which was passed that Rebecca Jackson be appointed student assistant to the Librarian.

Mrs. Hatheway moved and Mr. Morse seconded a motion that was passed that a glass-top should be purchased for the Librarian's work-desk.

The Hubers, Mr. Barber has reported, estimate they could fix up the window-panes for \$145. The Library has interest money to cover this expense.

It was felt that arrangements for the incentive summer reading program should be in the hands of Mrs. Phelps, the Librarian.

Discussion followed on the matter of a bulletin board, readers to judge suitable books, and the relation of the library to High School English work.

Adjourned at 8.15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

June 6, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.35 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of May 2, 1956 were read and approved.

The best way to equip the Librarian's clerk was discussed.

Mrs. Hatheway reported that the English teachers were anxious to help in making the relation of the town library to the High School library as valuable as possible.

Mr. Turner has asked to have the reading books which are identical with the elementary reading text books no longer allowed to circulate, for children learn them by heart and are thereby retarded in their reading progress in school.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Turner indicating the Trustees' desire to co-operate with the Superintendent and teachers of the schools in the above matter and in similar matters which may arise.

The following bills were approved, -  
Library Book House,

	May 1, 1956	\$ 30.59
" " "	May 14, 1956 Credit	\$ 2.80
" " "	May 15, 1956	32.51



Library Book House,	May 25, 1956	\$ 4.51
H. W. Wilson Company,	" 3, "	4.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.15
F. M. Durnell,	" 31, "	50.55
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	June 6, "	82.00
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " "	6.00

Mr. Barber moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion that was passed that the Huber Brothers should paint and trim the casings and sashes of the Library's windows. The cost has been estimated at \$195.

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, July 4, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.40 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

J. S. Wesby and Sons,	May 29, 1956	\$ 31.89
The Reader's Digest Condensed		
Book Club,	June 4, 1956	2.00
Michael M. Murphy,	" 7, "	4.90
" " "	" 21, "	1.40

Library Book House.	June 12, 1956	4.16
" " "	" 25, "	80.34
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
National Baseball Congress,	" 16, "	1.25
Leavis & Bolton,	July 1, "	26.90
Mrs. David Cook,	" 2, "	81.00
Miss Rebecca Jackson,	" " "	12.00

The Secretary's letter to Mr. Turner was read.

The meeting adjourned at 8.37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, August 1, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.50 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of July 4, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved,

Reader's Digest Condensed	June 28, 1956	\$ 2.00
Book Club,	July 13, "	21.48
Library Book House,	" 17, "	5.20
" " "	" 24, "	2.87
" " "	" 15, "	5.75
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	" 18, "	6.75
Wemco Library Supplies,	" " "	7.00
Reader's Digest,	August 1, "	75.00
Mrs. Evangeline Cook		



Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis.	August 1, 1956	\$ 4.00
Miss Rebecca Jackson.	" " "	48.00

Some discussion followed as to what extent Mrs. Phelps could be expected to give Miss Jackson training in library work.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that during the week of Tuesday August 13 through Saturday, August 13, 1956 overdue books may be returned without payment of fines.

The meeting adjourned at 8.44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, September 5

The trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7:55 P.M.

Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Matheway and Mr. Ba

The minutes of the meeting of August 1, 1956 were read and

The following bills were approved:

C.F. Demond & Co.	Aug. 31, 1956	\$12.45
Library Book House	Aug. 7, "	2.75
Avery's	Aug. 20 "	2.88
E.M. Dunnell	Aug. 1 "	6.40
H.W. Wilson Co.	Aug. 8 "	6.00
The Hubers	Aug. 1 "	195.00
Mrs. Evangeline Cook	Sept. 5 "	112.00
Miss Rebecca Jackson	Sept. 5 "	45.00
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	Aug. 15 "	5.75

The report of the Librarian to the Trustees for August, 1956 was read and discussed. Mrs. Phelps reported on the Summer Reading Contest. 25 of the 42 registered actually participated and read 315 books as compared with 262 books read by the 25 children who took part in 1955. The cost of the Reading Contest was

Six books as prizes	\$12.37
Cardboard Maps	6.30
Icecream	2.88
	<u>\$21.55</u>

As there is some money left for the Junior assistant position Mrs. Wells was asked to see if Rebecca Jackson will be available to work in the Library on Saturdays during the fall.

Mrs. Matheway was asked to bring in suggestions for the sign that is considered for the front of the Library with the name and hours of the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Matheway

Secretary Pro te



Wednesday, October 3, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.30 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of September 5, 1956 were read and approved.

Some discussion followed in regard to the decline in circulation in the last year.

The following bills were approved:

Northfield Water Company, August 1, 1956	\$ 6.00
New England T.V. Co., September 15, 1956	5.75
Nathaniel Stone Company, .. 25, 1956	10.00
Luman Barber, October 3, 1956	6.00
Mrs. Evangeline Cook, .. .., 1956	82.00

A frame is to be obtained for the portrait of Washington.

Mr. Barber felt that metal weather stripping was not the best for the library windows.

Mrs. Reeves reported that the Franklin Hampshire Regional Library Association voted to continue.

The Trustees examined the old books room and asked Mr. Barber to put on the markers which Miss Shields has made for the portraits.

Mr. Hatheway is to be asked to draw a design for a library sign and to find out about the expense.

It did not seem best to have a boy outside the building for returning books when the library is closed.

It was estimated that  $29\frac{1}{2}$  percent of the library budget was unspent as well as all the interest money.

Mr. Reeves is to consult Mr. Lewis about a bulletin board.

The meeting adjourned at 9.19. P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, November 7, 1956

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.35 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of October 3, 1956 were read and approved.

Mrs. Hatheway had no report as yet from Mr. Lewis on the probable cost of a library sign. For another bulletin board the cost would be from \$75 to \$100.

The cost for framing Washington's portrait was 29 cents.

It seemed worth while to give Mr. Wal-



bridge to do some book-binding for the Library.

Mrs. Phelps has reported that a book-seller was willing to have private persons order through the Library, but it was felt inadvisable to arrange it.

The following bills were approved:

Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club, September 27, 1956		\$ 2.00
F. M. Durnell, October 1, 1956		35.84
Library Book House, " 4, "		61.25
" " " " " "		22.45
" " " " " " Credit " 22, "	\$ 3.86	
National Geographic Society, " 8, "		7.00
" " " " " " " 18, "		3.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., " 15, "		5.75
Demco Library Supplies, " 19, "		12.96
Leavis & Bolton, November 1, "		2.50
Mrs. Evangeline Cook, " 7, "		80.00
Mrs. Agda Huber, " " " "		4.00

The placing of a light at the entrance of the Library was discussed.

It was decided to subscribe to "The Northfield Press."

The meeting adjourned at 8.44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, December 5, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.30 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

Mr. Leavis has estimated that a library sign such as we want would cost \$185.66.

The minutes of the meeting of November 7, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:-

"The Northfield Press."	November 2, 1956	\$ 2.00
Library Book House,	" 7, "	15.91
" " "	" 16, "	3.62
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
J. M. Dunnell,	" 30, "	32.36
Melvin L. Miller,	December 1, "	10.00
Mrs. Evangeline Book,	" 5, "	83.00
Mrs. Gwendolyn Leavis,	" " "	3.00
Mrs. Florence Phelps,	" " "	5.00

Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Barber seconded a motion which was passed that a library sign made according to the specifications submitted by Mr. Leavis be ordered.

The Library will order books to be bought as gifts or for use in the Library.

Mr. Barber will ask the Huber Brothers to refinish the front doors.

The meeting adjourned at 8.54 P.M. to Thursday, December 20, 1956 at 7.30 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary

Thursday, December 20, 1956.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.36 P.M.

Present, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of December 5, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

The H. W. Wilson Company, December 3, 1956	\$	5.60
The Children's Playmate Magazine, .. 4. ..		5.00
Barrett & Baker, .. 6. ..		.60
Library Book House, .. 13. ..		48.49
Alfred E. Holton, .. 18. ..		26.24
Mrs. Edna Barber, .. 20. ..		10.00
The Hubers, .. " ..		43.34
L. A. Barber, .. " ..		41.00

There was a discussion of the budget for next year. It was felt that if increasing the Librarian's salary \$200 would make a difference in her Social Security because it would be the maximum salary to which she could attain, the budget should be increased to include it.

The meeting adjourned at 9.05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, January 2, 1957

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.54 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse

The minutes of the meeting of December 20, 1956 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -

J. S. Wesley and Sons.	December 11, 1956	\$ 27.64
New England Tel. Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	11.50
Library Book House.	" 17, "	102.90
Leavis and Bolton.	" 19, "	243.57
Idea Plus Ink (J. R. Burdick),	" 20, "	8.50
Mrs. Evangeline Cook.	" 29, "	82.00
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" - "	8.00
F. M. Dinnell	" 31, "	79.28

Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Wells will consult with the Social Security Agent in Greenfield in regard to the effect upon the Librarian's salary of its reaching a maximum within a certain time before her retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



Wednesday, February 6, 1957.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.45 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Moore.

Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Wells reported on their conference with the Social Security Agent in Greenfield about the Librarian's salary. He said since the Librarian was an employee of a public corporation of the State it was a matter to be taken up with officials of Franklin County. Mrs. Wells then conferred with the Assistant Treasurer of Franklin County who said that raising the Librarian's salary to its maximum a year sooner than it normally would be reached would not make a significant increase in the Librarian's permanent pension income.

Mrs. Hatheway moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion which was passed to appropriate \$1.00 for membership in the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association.

Mrs. Wells moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the budget for the library for the year 1957-58 be \$6050 subject to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of January 2, 1957

were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:-

Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club.	December 31, 1956	\$ 2.00
Library Book House.	January 8, 1957	30.46
" " "	February 4, ..	3.47
American Library Association,	January 24, ..	6.00
J.M. Dunnell.	" 31, ..	104.46
Northfield Water Company.	February 1, ..	6.00
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	" 6, ..	76.00
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " "	7.00
Mass. Library Trustees Association	" " "	1.00

Discussion followed as to the best days and hours for having the library opened. It was suggested that a list of those using the library on Friday be kept.

An invitation was extended to the Connecticut Valley Library Association to meet in the Wilkinson Memorial Library, May 9, 1957.

The meeting adjourned at 9.24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, March 6, 1957.

The Trustees of the Wilkinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.43 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 6, 1957 were read and approved.



The following bills were approved,-

Readers Digest Condensed Book Club,	January 31, 1957	\$ 2.00
Demos Library Supplies,	February 6, "	32.65
Library Book House,	" " "	4.13
F.W. Foxon Company,	" 7, "	5.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15, "	5.75
F.M. Munnell,	" 28, "	70.14
Mrs. Ayda Huber,	March 6, "	5.25
Mrs. Evangeline Cook	" " "	74.55

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the shrubs about the base of the library be trimmed and that anything which prevents a neat appearance be removed.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter to Mrs. Eva Smart, South Vernon, Massachusetts, thanking her for her gift to the library of the Holton genealogy.

The meeting adjourned at 9.07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, April 3, 1957.

The Trustees of the Hickson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.35 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Morse.

The minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1957 were read and approved.

There was some discussion about the shrubs on the library grounds and about the hours when the library should be open. A question was raised as to whom the copyright of Parson's "Puritan Outpost" belonged.

Mrs. Reeves reported on the meeting of The Library Service Study Group to which she and Mrs. Wells attended March 19 at the Greenfield Regional Library Center.

The following bills were approved:-

Ideas - Plus - Ink.	March 1, 1957	\$ 7.06
Consumer's Reports.	" 2. "	5.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15. "	5.90
Field Enterprises,	" 20. "	4.50
Library Book House,	" 22. "	76.07
The C. B. Dolge Company,	" 25. "	21.90
F. M. Dinnell,	" 31. "	36.22
Mrs. Evangeline Cook.	April 3. "	87.68
Mrs. Agda Huber.	" " "	8.40

Mr. Morse was asked to find out whether or not the brochure on The Northfield Schools was a gift to the library.

The meeting adjourned at 9.19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse.

Wednesday, May 1, 1957.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.38 P.M.



Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of April 3, 1957 were read and approved.

Mrs. Hatheway is to have Mr. Hatheway get the sign painted.

Mr. Sanderson will see to trimming the shrubs and planning about the foundation of the library.

The report of the Librarian for May 1, 1957 was read and discussed. It contained an invitation to the Trustees from Miss Glasson to attend the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library Association which is to be held here May 9.

There will be no reading contest this summer for the children.

Mr. Barber reported that he had put loam on various spots on the library grounds.

The following bills were approved:

Library Book House,	April 5, 1957	\$ 34.46
" " "	" 9. "	10.36
" " " Credit	" 16. "	\$ 8.37
" " "	" 18. "	4.87
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15. "	5.75
Nathaniel Wamed & Co.,	" 17. "	10.00
F. M. Dunnell,	" 23. "	25.65
The Hubers,	" " "	56.00

Melvin S. Miller,	May 1, 1957	# 10.00
Mrs. Evangeline Cook.	" - "	82.95
" Agda Huber,	" - "	4.20

The meeting adjourned at 8.43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, June 5, 1957.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.45 P.M.

Present; Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The Trustees went outside the Library to admire the new sign and to look over the grounds.

The minutes of the meeting of May 1, 1957 were read, corrected, and approved.

The meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library Association held here on May 9, 1957 was reported to have been a great success.

The following bills were approved,-

The H.R. Hunting Company, Inc.	April 22, 1957	# 23.06
" " " "	May 15, "	1.78
" " " "	" 20, "	1.79
F.M. Dinnell,	April 30, "	59.93
Leavis and Bolton,	May 1, "	10.50
Library Book House	" 8, "	2.63
" " "	" 13, "	69.29



Library Book House, Credit May 9, 1957	# 2.77
" " " " " 13, "	2.07
Joseph A. Lapointe	" 10, " # 35.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	" 15, " 5.75
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	June 5, " 91.35
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " " 2.10
Petty cash for the Librarian	" " " 10.00
Mrs. Luman Barber	" " " 15.00

Mr. Sanderson will report on measurements necessary to arrange for the installation of the Alaskan bull moose head which Mr. Derby has offered to loan to the Library.

Since the Librarian feels that the summer reading program proposed by Mrs. Hatheway would involve too much work for the Library staff, the Trustees decided it should not be undertaken this year.

The question was discussed whether or not covering the stone curb about the front lawn would create an ice hazard on the walk.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, July 3, 1957.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 8.21 P.M.

Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

Before the meeting was formally opened Mr. Sanderson with the help of Mr. George Barr and to the admiration of the spectators mounted in the Children's Room the head of the Alaskan Kenai bull-moose on loan from Mr. Derby.

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 1957 were read, corrected, and approved.

The following bills were approved:

The H. R. Hunting Company, Inc.,	May 15, 1957	\$ 1.78
" " " " " "	June 14, " "	1.79
" " " " " "	" 20. " "	1.78
"Good Housekeeping"	" 10. " "	5.50
New England Tel & Tel Co.,	" 15. " "	5.75
F. M. Dunnell.	" 27. " "	37.93
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	July 2. " "	80.85
Mrs. Agda Huber,	" " " "	4.20
Mrs. Louise Reeves,	" 3 " "	10.00

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.



Wed. Aug. 7, 1957

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.45 p.m.

Present - Mrs. Rivers, Mr. Barber  
Mr. Sanderson & Mrs. Wells

The report of the Librarian was read and discussed.

Minutes of the July 3rd meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

Ideas Plus Ink - July 6, '57 - \$4.31  
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. - July 15, '57 - 5.75  
Library Book House - July 16, '57 - 68.76  
Bernard H. Walbridge - July 31, '57 - 12.25  
Northfield Water Co. - Aug. 1, '57 - 6.00  
Library Book House - Aug. 1, '57 - 72.15  
Mrs. Evangeline Cook - 112.35

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Credit - Library Book House -  
Aug. 5, '57 - 2.77

Further improvements were discussed, including installation of a fluorescent light in the lobby; checking of type-water, etc.

Brief discussion of possible candidates for successor to Mrs. Phelps, in view of her retirement within  $\frac{1}{2}$  years.  
Meeting adjourned at 8.45 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
H. G. Wells, Sec. Pro Tem.

Wed. Sept. 4, 1957

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met at the Library at 8:00 P.M.  
Present: Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway and Mr. Barber.

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Mrs. Reeves reported that she had discussed with Mrs. Cook the possibility of becoming librarian after Mrs. Phelps retires. Mrs. Cook does not feel that she

Mrs. Reeves also reported that she has contacted a man to fix the typewriter at the library.

The Following bills were approved:

Ideas Plus Ink	Aug. 1. 1957	\$ 4.31
Library Book Mouse	Aug. 19	5.22
Mrs. Evangeline Cook	Sept. 3	105.00
Popular Mechanics	Aug. 21	8.00
McCalls	Aug. 14	5.00
New England Tel & Tel	Aug 15	5.75

The Regional Library has requested the name of a member of this community to attend 3 or 4 meetings to advise their staff on needs of the community, etc. It was decided not to submit any name, but to request the dates of the meetings and we will see if anyone can attend.

It was voted to have a fluorescent light installed in the lobby, Mr. Barber to attend to having this done.

Mrs. Reeves presented the results of 3 months spending and we have spent about 2/3 of our budget in 3 months. \$3816.35 out of \$5950.

We discussed possible improvements to the Library for this fall, possibly paint the Rest room.

It was suggested that the Boy Scouts might be asked to take our old magazines.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Hatheway*  
Supt. trustee



Wednesday, October 2, 1957.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the library at 7.49 P.M.

Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of September 4, 1957 were read and approved.

Mr. Barber reported on the new fluorescent lights.

There was some discussion on the relocation of the library to the Regional School especially in regard to loans of books to the School.

The following bills were approved:

Demco Library Supplies.	September 2, 1957	\$ 8.35
" " "	20, "	18.85
Library Book House	" 5, "	18.40
" " " Credit	\$ 2.85	10. "
" " "	2.77	30. "
New England Tel & Tel. Co..	" 15, "	5.75
F.M. Dunnell,	" 28, "	36.16
Mrs. Evangeline Cook,	October 2, "	84.00
Mrs. Agda Huber	" " "	4.20

Mrs. Hatheway moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed that Mrs. Cook should work ten extra hours during the next <sup>two</sup> months.

Mrs. Wells volunteered to look up the exact legal situation in regard to the re-

Resignment of Mrs. Phelps as Librarian.

The Boy Scouts will take the magazines in the basement.

The meeting adjourned at 9.58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, November 6, 1957.

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.35 P.M.

Present, - Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1957 were read and approved.

The question of the Librarian's expenses during illness was discussed.

The following bills were approved, -

Library Book House	October 14, 1957	\$ 8.59
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	" 15. "	5.75
O. H. Utley Co.,	" 30. "	4.16
F. M. Durnell.	" 31. "	35.42
Barrett & Baker.	November 1. "	12.10
Mrs. Evangeline Cook.	" 5. "	59.85
Mrs. Agda Huber.	" " "	27.30
Alfred Holton.	" 6. "	62.30

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the proposal be shelved to join the the Central Massachusetts Coöperative



Buying Group and perhaps consider it at a later time.

Nothing was done about book covers.

Mrs. Hatheway reported on the library meeting at Greenfield which she and Mrs. Cook attended.

A discussion followed on the library expenses for next year.

Mrs. Hatheway moved and Mrs. Wells seconded a motion which was passed that Mr. Barber get an estimate from the Hubers on painting the walls and the two ceilings of the back hall and if the expense were not over \$200 that he ask them to do it.

The meeting adjourned at 9.08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.

Wednesday, December 4, 1957

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library met in the Library at 7.35 P.M.

Present, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Barber, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Sanderson.

Mrs. Phelps, the Librarian, was invited to meet with the Trustees. They discussed with her the matter of her salary and the relation of it to the budget which the Trustees have to present to the Finance Committee

of the Town. The Trustees could not guarantee to her what the final decision would be.

The minutes of the meeting of November 4, 1957 were read and approved.

The following bills were approved, -  
Library Book House, November 5, 1957

			\$ 97.45
"	"	"	14. "
"	"	"	27. "
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	"	15. "	5.75
The Hubers.	December	2. "	145.00
Mrs. Evangeline Cook.	"	4. "	89.25
Mrs. Agda Huber,	"	"	4.20

Mr. Morse asked that his resignation as a member of the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library be accepted to take effect at the end of this meeting.

Mrs. Wells moved and Mr. Sanderson seconded a motion which was passed to accept Mr. Morse's resignation with regret.

Mr. Sanderson moved and Mrs. Hatheway seconded a motion which was passed that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees with another member of the Board inform Mr. [unclear], Chairman of the Board of Selectmen that by the resignation of Mr. Morse a vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library and the Board has invited Mr. William H. Hawley to fill it.



The budget for 1958 was discussed and after careful consideration of each item, a total figure of \$ 5950.00 was accepted by unanimous vote, to be presented to the Finance Committee. This amount includes an increase of \$100.00 for the Librarian making her yearly salary \$2500.00.

The meeting adjourned at 10.27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace H. Morse, Secretary.























































































































































































